



# Report on Rare birds in Great Britain in 1995

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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 1994 Report (88: 493-558). The following points show the basis on which the list has been compiled:

1. 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 photographed, tape-recorded (and this evidence seen or heard by the Committee); (5) if trapped or found dead and where specimen is stored, if known; (6) date(s); and (7) observer(s), normally up to three in number, in alphabetical order.
2. 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 those of pratincoles *Glareola*, albatrosses *Diomedea* and frigatebirds *Fregata*.
3. The sequence of species, English names and scientific nomenclature follow the '*British Birds' List of English Names of Western Palearctic Birds* (1993). Any sight records of subspecies (including those of birds trapped and released) are normally referred to as 'showing the characters' of the race concerned.
4. The three numbers in parentheses after each species' name refer respectively to the total number of individuals recorded in Britain & Ireland (excluding those 'At sea') (i) to the end of 1957, (ii) for the period since the formation of the Rarities Committee in 1958, but excluding (iii) the current year. The decision as to how many individuals were involved is often difficult and rather arbitrary, but the consensus of members is indicated by 'possibly the same' (counted as different in the totals), 'probably the same' (counted as the same in the totals), or 'the same' when evidence is certain or overwhelming. An identical approach is applied to records of the same species recurring at the same locality after a lapse of time, including those that occur annually at the same or a nearby site. In considering claims of more than one individual at the same or adjacent localities, the Committee usually requires firm evidence before more than one is counted in the totals. A detailed breakdown of the figures for previous years is held by the Honorary Secretary.
5. Irish records, assessed and accepted by the Irish Rare Birds Committee, are included separately, by special permission of the IRBC, following the subheading IRELAND.

## White-billed Diver *Gavia adamsii* (18, 146, 8)

**Shetland** Lunna, probably first-summer, 21<sup>st</sup> April (M.Heubeck, M.Mellor, J.Swale). Wats Ness, adult, 6<sup>th</sup> May (P.V.Harvey, H.C.Towl); adult, 13<sup>th</sup> May (H.R.Harrop, P.V.Harvey *et al.*). Gulberwick, adult, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May (R.M. & R.P.Fray *et al.*). Sand Voe, North Roe, adult, recently dead, 12<sup>th</sup> June, photo., now at National Museum of Scotland (P.V.Harvey, W.Macauley *et al.*). Fetlar, first-summer, 17<sup>th</sup> July to at least 30<sup>th</sup> September (T. & Mrs J.Davies, D.Suddaby *et al.*).

**Western Isles** Tiumpán Head, Lewis, adult, 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May (S.Hulka, J.Stirling *et al.*); first-summer, 8<sup>th</sup> May (P.K.Batchelor, P.Cunningham, D.R.Watson *et al.*).

**1994 Grampian** Findhorn, age uncertain, 27<sup>th</sup> May (I.A.Rowlands *et al.*).

With no Shetland records last year, there seems to have been an influx to those islands. We have been asked to point out that the delay in acceptance of the 1991 record in Hampshire (Brit. Birds 87: 508) was purely administrative and did not reflect any problems with the actual assessment.

### **Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* (0, 17, 0)**

**Cornwall** Stithians Reservoir, adult, since 1992 (Brit. Birds 88: 497), to 13<sup>th</sup> September; one hybrid young, reared in 1994 (Brit. Birds 88: 497), to 28<sup>th</sup> March (per G.J.Conway).

**Scilly** Tresco, adult, since 11<sup>th</sup> November 1994 (Brit. Birds 88: 497), to 15<sup>th</sup> April (R.J.Hathway).

### **Black-browed Albatross *Diomedea melanophris* (2, 25, 0)**

**Shetland** Hermaness, Unst, individual last recorded on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1994 (Brit. Birds 88: 497), 3<sup>rd</sup> April to at least 7<sup>th</sup> July (per K.Osborn).

It has not previously been noted in these pages that one frequented a gannetry on Mygginaesholmur, Faroe Islands – at almost the same latitude as Hermaness – each year from 1860 to 1894, when it was shot. Did the shooter suffer the same fate as that of the Ancient Mariner?

### **Albatross *Diomedea* (3, 39, 1)**

**Orkney** Off Hoy, 4<sup>th</sup> September (S.Tonge).

May have been the Shetland bird, but may have not. The totals include those specifically identified.

### **Madeira/Cape Verde/Soft-plumaged Petrel *Pterodroma madeira/feae/mollis* (0, 9, 0)**

**1994 Gwynedd** Bardsey, 10<sup>th</sup> September (A.F.Silcocks, J.M. & K.A.Wilson) (Brit. Birds 89: page 486 fig. 1).

A little later than all other records, but seawatchers' awareness of the possibility of this species-group around our coasts is growing.

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

**1990 Cumbria** South Walney, 17<sup>th</sup> April (Z.Dawson, T.Dean, A.Robinson).

An excellent, well-deserved prize, making the long hours of seawatching worthwhile. The Seabirds Advisory Panel and this Committee found the circumstances, structure and flight to be absolutely right for this species and to exclude all others, and to be appropriate for the time and distance of the observation.

### **Little Shearwater *Puffinus assimilis* (5, 88, 0)**

#### **IRELAND**

**1964 Dublin** Malin Head, two, 22<sup>nd</sup> October (Irish Bird Rep. 12: 8-9).

**1965 Kerry** Brandon Point, two, 28<sup>th</sup> August (Irish Bird Rep. 13: 13).

**1965 Mayo** Annagh Head, 18<sup>th</sup> September (Irish Bird Rep. 13: 13).

**1966 Cork** Cape Clear Island, 27<sup>th</sup> August; two, 29<sup>th</sup> August (Irish Bird Rep. 14: 13-14).

**1966 Kerry** Brandon Point, three, 2<sup>nd</sup> September; 4<sup>th</sup> September (Irish Bird Rep. 14: 14-15).

**1967 Cork** Cape Clear Island, 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Old Head of Kinsale, 7<sup>th</sup> August (Irish Bird Rep. 15: 17-18).

**1967 Kerry** Brandon Point, three, 3<sup>rd</sup> October (Irish Bird Rep. 15: 17-18).

**1973 Cork** Cape Clear Island, 6<sup>th</sup> September; 20<sup>th</sup> September (Irish Bird Rep. 21: 8).

## **Wilson's Storm-petrel *Oceanites oceanicus* (4, 13, 1)**

**Cornwall** St Ives, 24<sup>th</sup> September (J.F.Ryan).

**At sea** Sea area Sole, 49°06'N 07°04'W, 20<sup>th</sup> August (J.F.Ryan, V.A.Stratton *et al.*).

Sightings from land are still very rare and a cool head is needed to concentrate on the important, clinching features.

## **Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus* (0, 1, 0)**

**1989 Cleveland** Charlton's Pond, 11<sup>th</sup> January to 21<sup>st</sup> April (Brit. Birds 86: 453), last noted 26<sup>th</sup> (T.J.Williams per G.Joynt).

## **Frigatebird *Fregata* (1, 4, 1)**

**Cornwall** Porthoustock, 13<sup>th</sup> June (R.Perham *et al.*); presumed same, Carrick Roads, 13<sup>th</sup> (G.Litherland, N.Lobb, J.B.Wheeldon *et al.*). Also in Dyfed.

**Dyfed** Skomer, 14<sup>th</sup> June (T.Lewis *et al.*). Presumed same as Cornwall.

The five previous records of frigatebird species include one in 1989. The totals include the only one specifically identified, a Magnificent Frigatebird *F.magnificens* in 1953.

## **Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus* (150, 181, 5)**

**Dyfed** Cilgerran, near Cardigan, female, 6<sup>th</sup> May (P.E.Davis, M.Elliott, P.Woodley). Castle Martin, Pembrokeshire, male, wing only, still fresh, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, photo. (G.H.Rees *et al.*).

**Greater London** Hampstead Heath, female, 19<sup>th</sup> June (P.J.Chadder, M.A.Hardwick, A.S.M.Self *et al.*).

**Scilly** St Mary's, female, 23<sup>rd</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June, photo. (G.Cook, W.H.Wagstaff *et al.*).

**Sussex, West Shoreham-by-Sea**, male, 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April (Dr J.A.Newnham *et al.*).

**1992 Norfolk** Holkham, female, 30<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June (V.Eve *et al.*).

**1993 Dyfed** St David's, Pembrokeshire, male, died, 12<sup>th</sup> April, photo., mounted specimen preserved (J.R.Hadfield, J.Harries).

**1994 Devon** Slapton Ley, female, 4<sup>th</sup> May (D.L.Buckingham).

An average showing. The 1992 record takes the total for that year to six, the best year in the 1990s, but in general this bird is less common than it was in the 1970s.

## **Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* (165, 353, 5)**

**Cumbria** Little Salkeld, juvenile, 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> December (M.Ausden, R. & Mrs S.Bottomley, S.Mellon).

**Derbyshire** Alvaston, first-summer, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (D.Amedro *et al.*).

**Dorset** Portland, adult, 11<sup>th</sup> May (D.J.Chown).

**Gloucestershire** Dowdeswell Reservoir, juvenile, 23<sup>rd</sup> November to 9<sup>th</sup> December, photo. (J.Coates, J.V.Miller *et al.*).

**Strathclyde** Stair, Ayrshire, juvenile, 3<sup>rd</sup> to at least 18<sup>th</sup> September, photo. (R.H.Hogg, I.Todd *et al.*). Irvine, 15<sup>th</sup> December (P.Cassidy, R.Kinnear, B.Orr); presumed same as Stair.

**1994 Scilly** St Mary's, adult, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> May (J.Gregory *et al.*).

It is difficult to judge the radius that the Edinburgh Zoo free-flying collection 'influences' (following records from that source in Lincolnshire in 1988 and Northumberland in 1990) and it is also less well known that there are other free-flying collections in the Midlands and Norfolk. An adult at Earsham, Norfolk, during 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May is considered to have been an escape.

## **Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* (95, 38, 1)**

**Sussex, West** Pagham Harbour, 19<sup>th</sup> June (L.G.Holloway).

The recent peak was seven in 1994.

## **Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* (2, 75, 4)**

**Cambridgeshire** Papworth Bridge, 14<sup>th</sup> November (D.Vaughan, G.Wetole).

**Essex** Abberton Reservoir, 15<sup>th</sup> June (A.Kettle *et al.*).

**Kent** Stodmarsh, 15<sup>th</sup> May (S.Hollands).

**Norfolk** Alby, 18<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (D.Alston, B.J.Murphy *et al.*); same, Broadland area, to 18<sup>th</sup> November (P.J.Heath, J.R.Whitelegg *et al.*).

**1994 Warwickshire** Arbury, 24<sup>th</sup> September to 23<sup>rd</sup> December, possibly since early September, photo. (D.Booth, R.Higginbottom, O.Stainthorpe *et al.*). Presumed same as Gloucestershire, Worcestershire (Brit. Birds 88: 499).

The Committee felt obliged to assume that a series of records in the London Home Counties area during the summer months related to one, possibly two, escaped birds, one certainly being of the eastern race *coromandus*.

## **Great White Egret *Egretta alba* (10, 63, 8)**

**Borders/Northumberland** Near Horncliffe, 26<sup>th</sup> May (S.Banks *et al.*).

**Cheshire/Ciwyd** Inner Marsh Farm, juvenile, 25<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> July, photo. (S. & W.Bradbury, C.C.Schofield *et al.*). Also in Greater Manchester.

**Ciwyd** See above.

**Dorset** Littlesea, 5<sup>th</sup> February, video-recorded (E. & M.Levy).

**Dyfed** Penclacwydd, Carmarthenshire, 27<sup>th</sup> June (B.Steward *et al.*).

**Glamorgan, Mid** Kenfig Pool, 27<sup>th</sup> August (H.F.Coats, P.Howlett *et al.*); same, Ogmere Estuary, 27<sup>th</sup>, photo. (R.G.Smith *et al.*).

**Greater Manchester** Ringley, juvenile, 30<sup>th</sup> July (P.Baron, P. & Mrs N.Johnson); same, Abram and Horrocks' Flashes, 31<sup>st</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August (J.Jackson, Mrs A.J.Smith *et al.*). Same as Cheshire.

**Kent** Dungeness, 13<sup>th</sup> August (P.G.Akers, R.J.Price *et al.*).

**Northumberland** See Borders/Northumberland above.

**Scilly** Bryher, mid March, photo. (Mrs E.Steer).

**Warwickshire** Packwood, 28<sup>th</sup> July (per S.Haynes). Same as West Midlands.

**West Midlands** Meriden, intermittently, 24<sup>th</sup> July to 18<sup>th</sup> August, photo. (N.P.Barlow, A.Hands, S.Haynes *et al.*). Also in Warwickshire.

**1994 Norfolk** Feltwell Anchor, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1993 to 13<sup>th</sup> February (Brit. Birds 88: 499), also Botany Bay, Suffolk, 1<sup>st</sup> January (N.Gibbons per D.F.Walsh).

**1994 Suffolk** See 1994 Norfolk above.

The bird in the Northwest visited several other sites and apparently frequented the Dee Estuary area from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August, but full documentation has not been received.

## **Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* (90, over 348, -)**

**1982 Humberside** Southfield Reservoir, 26<sup>th</sup> August (Brit. Birds 78: 535), 27<sup>th</sup> (per M.R.Limbert).

The Committee no longer considers this species (but the old records keep on coming).

## **Black Stork *Ciconia nigra* (26, 93, 14)**

**Cleveland** Easton Nab, 8<sup>th</sup> July (P.J. & S.J.Hinley, G.Iceton).

**Cornwall** St Buryan, 31<sup>st</sup> July (Mrs J.Lawman, I.McPherson). Wadebridge, adult, 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> August, photo. (D.A.Conway, R.L.Smith *et al.*).

**Cumbria** Ennerdale Forest, 25<sup>th</sup> April (J.Shepherd). Presumed same as Lancashire.

**Devon** Lopwell, 10<sup>th</sup> June (P.J.Barden).

**Durham** Teesdale, 28<sup>th</sup> June, photo. (L.G.Waddell *et al.*). Durham City, 26<sup>th</sup> September (A.L.Armstrong).

**Gloucestershire** Near Cirencester, 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July (D.K.Bond, D.Savory, Mrs S.Watson).

**Hampshire** Tadley Common, 15<sup>th</sup> April (J.K.Andrews).

**Kent** Folkestone, 22<sup>nd</sup> June (J.H.van der Dol).

**Lancashire** Ellel, 23<sup>rd</sup> April (Mr Huddleston); same, Quernmore, 24<sup>th</sup> (P.Woodruff). Presumed same as Cumbria.

**Orkney** Rackwick, Hoy, 27<sup>th</sup> June (M.Gray *et al.*).

**Sussex, East** Beachy Head, 13<sup>th</sup> August (R.K.Haggard, P.Neatherway *et al.*).

**Wiltshire** Longbridge Deverill, 18<sup>th</sup> May (R.H.Creighton).

**Yorkshire, North** Wykeham Forest, 19<sup>th</sup> June (C.Harris, G.Thomas) (Brit. Birds 89: page 489 fig. 2).

**1993 Devon** Aveton Gifford, 24<sup>th</sup> August (R.W.Bone). Probably same as Isle of Wight, 26<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> September (Brit. Birds 87: 512).

Also one at Trinity, Jersey, Channel Islands, on 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> July 1995. The second-highest annual total ever, bettered only by 1991 with 23 records. Details have still to be received of three reported over Widnes, Cheshire, in early May. Original descriptions are appreciated by the Committee: 'like an Oystercatcher on steroids' went down well.

## **White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* (70, over 223, -)**

### **IRELAND**

**1974 Down** Kinnegar, 26<sup>th</sup> May (Irish Bird Rep. 23: 7).

The Committee no longer considers this species.

## **Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* (many, 62, 1)**

**Lothian** Musselburgh, 26<sup>th</sup> November (B.D. & M.Griffin).

**1994 Cornwall** Hayle, 23<sup>rd</sup> September (Mrs E.G.Gynn *et al.*). Same as Scilly, Cornwall (Brit. Birds 88: 500).

Scottish records are very rare, but this site has an awesome reputation – the same observers had a Brünnich's Guillemot *Uria lomvia* nearby in 1994.

## **Lesser White-fronted Goose *Anser erythropus* (47, 81, 3)**

**Gloucestershire** Slimbridge, adult, 26<sup>th</sup> January to 26<sup>th</sup> February, photo. (L.P.Alder, D.B.Paynter *et al.*).

**Norfolk** Holkham, adult, 13<sup>th</sup> January to 25<sup>th</sup> April, photo. (A.I.Bloomfield, D.Foster, J.R.McCallum *et al.*). Cantley, first-winter, 28<sup>th</sup> January (D.J.Holman *et al.*); present 15<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>.

An adult reported from the Ythan Estuary, Grampian, during 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May 1995, was almost certainly not of wild origin. The late stay of the Norfolk bird might also attract suspicion.

## **Brent Goose *Branta bernicla***

### ***B. b. nigricans* (1, 66, 2)**

Individuals showing the characters of the North American and East Siberian race *nigricans* were recorded as follows:

**Essex** Leigh-on-Sea, adult, 30<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November (D.Wood).

**Kent** Sittingbourne, adult, 15<sup>th</sup> January to at least 25<sup>th</sup> February (C.G.Bradshaw, P.K.Worsley *et al.*); presumed same, Reculver, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> March (M.J.Baldock *et al.*). Gillingham, adults: 25<sup>th</sup> November to 7<sup>th</sup> December; another, 26<sup>th</sup> November to 7<sup>th</sup> December; one or other to at least 7<sup>th</sup> January 1996, photo. (C.G.Bradshaw *et al.*).

**Suffolk** Felixstowe, adult, 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November (M.C.Marsh).

An individual resembling this race but with an incomplete neck-band was present from 13<sup>th</sup> February to 14<sup>th</sup> March at Thorney Deepes, West Sussex, this being the favoured haunt of an adult which visited the area from 1986 to 1994 (Brit. Birds 87: 513). Four juveniles accompanying that bird in 1991 (Brit. Birds 86: 459) resembled *B.b.bernicla*.

### **Red-breasted Goose *Branta ruficollis* (15, 29, 2)**

**Kent** Sittingbourne, adult, 14<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> January (C.G.Bradshaw); same, Sheppey, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> February, photo. (P.K.Worsley *et al.*); presumed returning individual, Essex, Kent, 1993-94 (Brit. Birds 88: 501).

**Norfolk** Welney, juvenile, 12<sup>th</sup> November (J.B.Kemp *et al.*). Sea Palling and Waxham area, adult, 28<sup>th</sup> November to 9<sup>th</sup> December, photo. (M.Higgleton *et al.*).

**1994 Cumbria** Drumburgh, adult, 9<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> March (S.J.Dodgson *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: page 491 fig. 3); same, Rockcliffe Marsh, 11<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> April (per T.Dean); same as Dumfries & Galloway below.

**1994 Dumfries & Galloway** Caerlaverock, adult, since 30<sup>th</sup> December 1993 (Brit. Birds 87: 513), 2<sup>nd</sup> January to 21<sup>st</sup> February, 28<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April (per P.N.Collin); also in Cumbria.

**1994 Highland** Insh Marshes, adult, 9<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March (J.Gordon *et al.*); same, Nethybridge, 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April (per C.H.Crooke).

The waters are now very muddied by obvious escapes, particularly on the South Coast, and the following refers to birds which were probably wanderers from captivity: Dee Estuary area, Merseyside, an adult from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> December 1991; near Chester, Cheshire, during 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> January 1992; and at Coul Reservoir, Fife, during 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September 1995.

### **American Wigeon *Anas americana* (22, 261, 13)**

**Cambridgeshire** Ouse Washes, female, 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 11<sup>th</sup> March (S.Busutill, M.Ward, K.J.Warrington *et al.*).

**Cheshire** Budworth Mere, male, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> October (J.Walsh *et al.*); male, 22<sup>nd</sup> October to 25<sup>th</sup> November (P.M.Hill, D.M.Walters *et al.*); presumed same, Rostherne Mere, 4<sup>th</sup> November (G. & S.Barber *et al.*).

**Cheshire/Clwyd** Inner Marsh Farm, male, 18<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> February (G. & S.Barber *et al.*).

**Clwyd** See Cheshire/Clwyd above.

**Cornwall** Drift Reservoir, female, 28<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December (G.Hobin, J.F.Ryan *et al.*).

**Cumbria** Campfield Marsh, male, 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> December (D.G.H.West *et al.*).

**Gwynedd** Conwy Estuary, male, since 1994 to 12<sup>th</sup> February, photo. (E.J.Abraham, A.Davies, O.Roberts *et al.*); presumed same, 6<sup>th</sup> November to 15<sup>th</sup> March 1996 (O.Roberts *et al.*). See 1994 Gwynedd below.

**Hampshire** Lower Test Marshes, male, 22<sup>nd</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> November (M.L.Edgeller, A.S.Rhodes *et al.*).

**Lothian** Aberlady and Gosford Bays, male, intermittently, 29<sup>th</sup> October to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1996, photo. (A.Brown *et al.*).

**Norfolk** Berney Marshes, male, 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May (P.R.Allard *et al.*).

**Orkney** Stronsay, male and female, 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June, photo. (J.F. & Mrs S.M.Holloway, D.Kent *et al.*). Burray, male, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> November (T.Dean *et al.*).

**Tayside** Montrose Basin, male, 5<sup>th</sup> November to 24<sup>th</sup> December (R.D.Goater *et al.*).

**1993 Fife** Stenhouse Reservoir, male, to 9<sup>th</sup> March only (Brit. Birds 88: 501), original last date, 13<sup>th</sup>, was correct (A.Brown).

**1994 Grampian** Loch of Skene, male, 6<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November, 11<sup>th</sup> December (G.F.Allen, Dr I.M.Phillips *et al.*).

**1994 Gwynedd** Conwy Estuary, male, 20<sup>th</sup> December to 1995 (E.J.Abraham, A.Davies, O.Roberts *et al.*).

## IRELAND

**1975 Down** Castle Espie, male, 18<sup>th</sup> October (Irish Bird Rep. 23: 8).

Another good year. The problem of hybrids has been mentioned before and, with the added problem of Eurasian and American first-generation and even second-generation hybrids, this Committee looks at every record very critically. Unfortunately, observers tend not to submit such a detailed description of a rare duck as they would for a nice juicy rare 'peep' or warbler.

## American Black Duck *Anas rubripes* (1, 20, 0)

**Scilly** Tresco, male, since 1<sup>st</sup> April 1994 (Brit. Birds 88: 502), throughout year (per W.H.Wagstaff) (Brit. Birds 89: page 493 fig. 4).

## IRELAND

**1966 Wexford** Mayglass, female, 27<sup>th</sup> November (Irish Bird Rep. 14: 16).

'Over-sexed, overstayed and over here!' Another generation of birdwatchers (and female Mallards *A.platyrhynchos*) gets its opportunity to enjoy this American.

## Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors* (19, 173, 6)

**Avon** Chew Valley Lake, female, 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> September (R.M.Andrews, K.E.Vinicombe *et al.*).

**Cornwall** Tehidy Country Park, first-winter female, 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (M.J.Healan *et al.*).

**Derbyshire** Willington Gravel-pits, female, 25<sup>th</sup> September to 11<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (M.P.Radford, N.Topliss *et al.*).

**Shetland** Urafirth, first-winter male, 30<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November (M.Mellor *et al.*); Tingwall, first-winter male, 2<sup>nd</sup> November; same, South Nesting, 3<sup>rd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> (P.Sclater *et al.*).

**Western Isles** St Kilda, age and sex uncertain, 20<sup>th</sup> October (Dr I.R.Hartley).

## IRELAND

**1960 Offaly** Banagher, 1<sup>st</sup> September (Irish Bird Rep. 23: 8).

**1973 Down** Castle Espie, 9<sup>th</sup> September (Irish Bird Rep. 22: 7).

**1975 Cork** Passage West Reservoir, 5<sup>th</sup> October (Irish Bird Rep. 23: 8).

A typical spread of records.

## Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis* (0, 10, 1)

**Humberside** Barton-upon-Humber, first-winter male, 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> February, photo. (G.P.Catley *et al.*).

**Lancashire** Dockacres Gravel-pit, first-winter male, 5<sup>th</sup> March to 18<sup>th</sup> April (S.J.Dodgson *et al.*). Presumed returning individual last recorded 31<sup>st</sup> December 1994 (Brit. Birds 88: 503).

**1994 Gloucestershire** Edward Richardson Nature Reserve, near Lechlade, male, 12<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December (S.N.Thomson *et al.*). Also in Oxfordshire.

**1994 Oxfordshire** Little Faringdon Gravel-pit, male, 11<sup>th</sup> to at least 28<sup>th</sup> December (S.N.Thomson *et al.*). Same as 1994 Gloucestershire.

Has not missed a year since its first appearance in 1987. This pattern of a run of records after a 'first' is not uncommon among non-passerines, Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri* being a good example.

## **King Eider *Somateria spectabilis* (62, 79, 6)**

**Dumfries & Galloway** Loch Ryan, female, probably first-winter, 3<sup>rd</sup> September to at least 4<sup>th</sup> March 1996 (B.Orr *et al.*).

**Fife** Tentsmuir Point, River Tay, male, 16<sup>th</sup> October 1994 to 1995 (Brit. Birds 88: 513); same, Tayport, 25<sup>th</sup> February to at least 10<sup>th</sup> March (M.S.Scott *et al.*). Also in Grampian, Lothian.

**Grampian** Ythan Estuary, male, 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> July (W.G. & Mrs S.Johnston *et al.*); presumed returning 1994 individual (Brit. Birds 88: 503); same, Blackdog, 22<sup>nd</sup> June (Dr I.M.Phillips), 29<sup>th</sup> July (D.P.Appleton). Also in Fife, Lothian. Lossiemouth, male, since 9<sup>th</sup> October 1994 (Brit. Birds 88: 513), 15<sup>th</sup> January, 14<sup>th</sup> February (per A.Webb); presumed same, Burghead, 12<sup>th</sup> November (D.M.Pullan). Rattray Head, male, 14<sup>th</sup> April (W.Dunlop); not same as Ythan Estuary.

**Lothian** Aberlady, male, 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July, photo. (M.Darling, C.N.Davison). Same as Fife, Grampian.

**Shetland** Raewick, Redayre and Tresta area, male, since 1994 (Brit. Birds 88: 503), to 18<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> November to 1996 (per K.Osborn). Olnafirth, female, probably first-winter, 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May (H.R.Harrop *et al.*). Sumburgh Head, male, eclipse or third-winter, 8<sup>th</sup> July to 21<sup>st</sup> August (M.Mellor *et al.*), possibly same as 16<sup>th</sup> July to 21<sup>st</sup> August 1994 (Brit. Birds 88: 503). Mouse Sound, male, 20<sup>th</sup> November to at least 19<sup>th</sup> January 1996 (M.Mellor *et al.*). Tresta Voe, male, 1<sup>st</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June, photo. (L.Dalziel *et al.*); probably same, Sandwick, second-winter male, 26<sup>th</sup> November to at least 3<sup>rd</sup> December (P.V.Harvey *et al.*).

**Strathclyde** Saltcoats Harbour, Ayrshire, male, 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March, photo. (J.Johnstone *et al.*).

**1994 Shetland** Noss, first-winter/second-summer male, 14<sup>th</sup> May (C.Barton, S.Smith); previously at Lerwick, 11<sup>th</sup> (D.Coutts per D.Suddaby).

A familiar picture. A female in a new area is, however, still a very creditable find. Conventional ageing of non-adults can be anomalous (see Brit. Birds 87: 36-40).

## **Surf Scoter *Melanitta perspicillata* (75, over 345, -)**

### **IRELAND**

**1975 Clare** Liscannor Bay, male, 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> December (Irish Bird Rep. 23: 9).

The Committee no longer considers this species.

## **Black Kite *Milvus migrans* (5, 223, 10)**

**Cornwall** Land's End, 17<sup>th</sup> September (D.S.Flumm, B.K.Mellow, R.Wilkins).

**Devon** Sandford area, 31<sup>st</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April, photo. (R.Burston, C.Lever *et al.*).

**Gwynedd** Aberdaron, Caernarvonshire, 4<sup>th</sup> June (E.J.Abraham, A.Lever, A.J.Vinson).

**Humber side** Kilnsea, 7<sup>th</sup> May (M.P.Lawlor *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: page 495 fig. 7); same, Spurn, 7<sup>th</sup> (D.R. & Mrs L.Middleton, P.Musgrave *et al.*).

**Lothian** Belhaven Bay, 7<sup>th</sup> April (C.N.Davison, K.Gillon).

**Northamptonshire** Long Buckby, 2<sup>nd</sup> May (G.M.Pullan).

**Somerset** Near Street, 15<sup>th</sup> April (A.J.Bundy).

**Suffolk** Walberswick, 7<sup>th</sup> May (C.Corrigan); presumed same, Benacre area, 8<sup>th</sup> (C.A.Buttle *et al.*).

**Sussex, East** East Dean, 7<sup>th</sup> May (N.J.Lever *et al.*).

**Yorkshire, North** Wykeham Forest, 28<sup>th</sup> May (D.Bywater); presumed same, Filey, 29<sup>th</sup> (L.Gillard).

**1994 Devon** Plymouth area, 10<sup>th</sup> May (P.H.Aley, V.R. & Mrs S.Tucker *et al.*). Teignbridge area, 13<sup>th</sup> May (D.L.Buckingham).

**1994 Kent** Capel-le-Ferne, two, 9<sup>th</sup> May (D.A.Gibson).



The Kent record in 1994 is the first of more than one individual together, perhaps surprising with such a 'social' raptor.

## **White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla* (many, 24, 0)**

IRELAND

**1973 Fermanagh** Garrison, 11<sup>th</sup> January (Irish Bird Rep. 21: 12).

In view of the current re-establishment programme, records only from outside Scotland are listed here.

## **Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus* (3, 5, 1)**

**Orkney** Durkadale area, second-summer male, 18<sup>th</sup> April to 27<sup>th</sup> June (Brit. Birds 89: plate 163); also 13<sup>th</sup> September and possibly to November (K.Fairclough, E.R.Meek *et al.*).

**1993 Humberside** Pulfin Bog, male, probably second-summer, 9<sup>th</sup> September (D.G.Hobson).

The first long-stayer. This Orkney male and that in Tayside in 1993 were both on prime Hen Harrier *C.cyaneus* heather-moorland sites.

## **Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo***

### ***B. b. vulpinus* (1, 0, 0)**

The following records of the race *B.b.vulpinus* are now considered unacceptable:

**1975 Cornwall** St Ives, 27<sup>th</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> November (Brit. Birds 69: 333).

**1975 Kent** Reculver, 12<sup>th</sup> January to 20<sup>th</sup> April (Brit. Birds 69: 333).

Both records involved individuals which would have had to belong to the grey-brown type, which, in the view of the Committee, cannot be safely distinguished in the field from some of those of the nominate form. A specimen record from Everley, Wiltshire, in September 1864, preserved at the Natural History Museum, Tring, remains extant (Handbook vol. III, p. 55).

## **Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus* (100, 545, 12)**

**Cambridgeshire** Little Paxton, Huntingdonshire, first-summer female, 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June (G.Shorrock *et al.*).

**Cleveland** Hartlepool, first-summer female, 24<sup>th</sup> May (C.Kehoe).

**Dorset** Ballard Down, female, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> June (S.Robson); same, Durlston Country Park, 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, photo. (E.Brodie, T.Elborn *et al.*).

**Kent** Dungeness, female, 10<sup>th</sup> May (W.Attridge, D.Walker).

**Norfolk** Hickling, female, 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May (I.Smith). Paston and Mundesley area, female, 11<sup>th</sup> May (M.Fischer). Holkham Meals and Overy Dunes, first-summer male, 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (A.I.Bloomfield, G.C.Wright *et al.*). Warren Wood, Thetford, first-summer male, 20<sup>th</sup> June (R.Bashford, A.M.Wilson).

**Orkney** North Ronaldsay, male, 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May, remains found 30<sup>th</sup> (P.J.Donnolly, T.Outlaw *et al.*).

**Suffolk** Dunwich, first-summer male, 29<sup>th</sup> May (K.Arber, B.J.Small).

**Sussex, East** Cuckmere Valley, male, 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> May (P.James, N.J.Thomas, A.Wheeler *et al.*). Rye, female, 10<sup>th</sup> June (Miss C.Taylor).

**1959 Dyfed** Ramsey Island, Pembrokeshire, male, 24<sup>th</sup> May (H.E.Grenfell, J.Pingree, C.Stockton).

**1992 Somerset** West Sedgemoor, first-summer female, 19<sup>th</sup> June (C.A.Milburn, J.Oates).

**1994 Borders** Springhall, male, 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May (K. & R.Robeson).

**1994 Norfolk** Brettenham Heath, female, 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June (D.J.Holman, J.H.Marchant, R.J.Waters *et al.*).

The 'big year' for this species was 1992, for which the total now stands at 129. Little Paxton, Cambridgeshire, seems to hold a special attraction for this species.

## **Gyr Falcon *Falco rusticolus* (many, 112, 3)**

**Durham** Hunstanworth Moor, white phase, 21<sup>st</sup> November (A.S.Jack).

**Grampian** Linn of Quoich, near Braemar, intermediate phase, 24<sup>th</sup> April (J.Bowler, J.Hunter).

**Western Isles** St Kilda, white phase, 31<sup>st</sup> March (K.Douglas).

**1994 Western Isles** Drimsdale, South Uist, first-year male, white phase, 31<sup>st</sup> December (T.J.Dix).

The Western Isles has long been renowned for this species, but Grampian and Durham are the two counties with growing reputations. The acceptance of a 'non-white' individual is a great credit to the observers; the last accepted one in Britain was in Grampian in 1990, on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

## **Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla* (many, 10, 2)**

**Cornwall** Stithians Reservoir, male, 6<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (Mr & Mrs P.Clement *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: plate 166).

**Devon** Lundy, male, 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (R.J.Campey).

Two typical records.

## **Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* (98, 197, 5)**

**Devon** South Huish, two, 5<sup>th</sup> May (R.Burrige, M.R.Langman, P.G.W.Salaman *et al.*).

**Essex** Pitsea and Coryton area, two, 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May (S.Clayton, A.J.Kane *et al.*). Also in Kent.

**Kent** Dungeness, 2<sup>nd</sup> May (S.P.Clancy). Eastborough Farm, two, 9<sup>th</sup> May (F.Barnard per P.Larkin); same, Cliffe, 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> (P.Larkin, S.Rowlands); presumed same, 25<sup>th</sup> (D.Mercer). Also in Essex.

**Norfolk** Titchwell, since 17<sup>th</sup> September 1993 (Brit. Birds 88: 508), throughout year.

**1986 Cornwall** Millbrook Lake, 13<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June (Brit. Birds 80: 533), 24<sup>th</sup> (J.R.Smart).

**1993 Gwynedd** Cemlyn Bay, Anglesey, three, 10<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> April, photo. (K.G.Croft, O.Roberts *et al.*). Presumed same as Cheshire (Brit. Birds 87: 521).

There was also one at Vale, Guernsey, Channel Islands, from 28<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The total is up on last year, but nowhere near the level of the record-breaking years of 1987 and 1990. Still a marvellous bird to have on your local patch.

## **Cream-coloured Courser *Cursorius cursor* (27, 6, 0)**

None in Britain and Ireland, but one at Grouville, Jersey, Channel Islands, from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> October (and probably since 5<sup>th</sup> September) was photographed. The last one in Britain and Ireland was in 1984.

## **Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola* (31, 50, 1)**

**Norfolk** Titchwell, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> July, possibly since 30<sup>th</sup> June; same, Holkham, 6<sup>th</sup>; same, Cley, intermittently, 4<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> (per D.J.Holman).

The dates and locations are sufficiently similar to those of the Norfolk 1994 bird (Brit. Birds 88: 509) to fuel speculation that the same individual may have been involved.

## **Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni* (5, 24, 0)**

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**1974 Antrim** Larne Lough, 5<sup>th</sup> August (Irish Birds 2: 210; 3: 335).

## **Killdeer Plover *Charadrius vociferus* (9, 41, 1)**

**Grampian** Loch of Strathbeg, 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April (W.Dunlop, Mrs K.Mowat, P.Webster *et al.*).

**1993 Gwynedd** Trearddur Bay and Holyhead, Anglesey, 30<sup>th</sup> December to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1994, photo. (K.H.Jones, A.J.Perkins *et al.*).

**1994 Gwynedd** See above.

### **IRELAND**

**1975 Kerry** Derrymore Island, 28<sup>th</sup> December (Irish Bird Rep. 23: 13).

Grampian has a good reputation for rare waders, although this bird probably crossed the Atlantic some time prior to its discovery.

## **Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva* (0, 29, 4)**

**Cleveland** Greatham Creek and Reclamation Pond, adult, 5<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> August, photo. (T.Francis, G.Joynt *et al.*).

**Kent** Elmley, adult, 17<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August, photo. (C.G.Bradshaw, J.A.Rowlands *et al.*).

**Merseyside** Seaforth, adult, 1<sup>st</sup> August, photo. (G.Thomas *et al.*).

**Orkney** North Ronaldsay, adult, 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September (P.J.Donnolly *et al.*).

**1990 Clwyd** Oakenholt Marsh, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> August (Brit. Birds 88: 509), had already been accepted (Brit. Birds 87: 524).

The pattern continues.

## **American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica* (6, 183, 9)**

**Cleveland** Greatham Creek, first-summer, 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June (C.Kehoe, C.Sharpe *et al.*).

**Cornwall** Hayle, adult, 12<sup>th</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> December (N.J.Phillips, L.P.Williams *et al.*).

**Grampian** Ythan Estuary, adult, 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July (M.Darling, A.A.Murray, A.O'Connor *et al.*).

**Lincolnshire** Frampton Marsh, first-summer, 3<sup>rd</sup> September (L.James, S.Keightley).

**Nottinghamshire** Hoveringham Gravel-pit, first-winter/first-summer, 10<sup>th</sup> May; same, Holme Pierrepont, 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> (M.D.Hodgkin *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: page 493 fig. 5). Besthorpe, first-summer/second-winter, 17<sup>th</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (J.A.Hopper, M.Kennewell *et al.*). Also in South Yorkshire.

**Scilly** Tresco, adult, 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> August, photo. (R.J.Hathway *et al.*).

**Strathclyde** Maidens, Ayrshire, juvenile, 24<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November, photo. (P.Cassidy *et al.*).

**Surrey** King George VI Reservoir, adult, 2<sup>nd</sup> September (A.V.Moon *et al.*).

**Yorkshire, South** South Anston, first-summer/second-winter, 31<sup>st</sup> August to 6<sup>th</sup> September (J.Clay *et al.*). Also in Nottinghamshire.

**1994 Lincolnshire** Butterwick, Boston, adult, 8<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October (P.A.Hyde, S.Keightley *et al.*).

**1994 Scilly** St Mary's, juvenile, 19<sup>th</sup> September (J.G.Badley *et al.*).

### **IRELAND**

**1966 Cork** Lissagriffin Lake, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September, presumed same, 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>. Shannagary Marsh, 18<sup>th</sup> September. Douglas Estuary, 30<sup>th</sup> September to 8<sup>th</sup> October. (Irish Bird Rep. 14: 29)

**1966 Roscommon** Keenagh Turlough, 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October (Irish Bird Rep. 14: 29).

An average year. Another species with an increase in records from inland counties. The Nottinghamshire/South Yorkshire bird was first seen in Derbyshire, but documentation was not received in time for this report.

## **Sociable Lapwing *Chettusia gregaria* (5, 32, 1)**

**Dorset** Radipole, Lodmoor and Poxwell, first-winter, 15<sup>th</sup> October (D.J.Chown, S.Robson, G.Walbridge *et al.*); same, Wareham, 16<sup>th</sup> (I. & Mrs D.J.Standivan); same, Brand's Bay, 18<sup>th</sup> (per S.Robson).

Three is the most in anyone year and that has happened only three times.

## **Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla* (2, 71, 2)**

**Hampshire** Farlington Marshes, adult, trapped 3<sup>rd</sup> September, photo. (D.A.Bell, T.D.Codlin, G.Thompson *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: page 499 fig. 8).

**Scilly** St Agnes, adult, 29<sup>th</sup> August to 16<sup>th</sup> September, photo. (V.A.Stratton, W.H.Wagstaff *et al.*); same, Annet, 18<sup>th</sup> (M.A.Hardwick, W.H.Wagstaff).

This species has not 'drawn a blank' since 1979.

## **Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis* (0, 3, 1)**

**Northumberland** Newbiggin-by-the-Sea, adult, 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> August; photo. (G.Bowman, R.Gajdus, L.Robson *et al.*).

Apart from a dead juvenile on Fair Isle, the three records are all of adults in July/August, in Humberside, Norfolk and, now, Northumberland. East Coast wader-watchers will need no further spur to start early. Yes, those far-off, bright, adult 'Little Stints' are worth checking more closely.

## **Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* (6, 28, 1)**

**Sussex, West** Sidlesham, adult, 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> July, photo. (T.J.Edwards *et al.*).

### **IRELAND**

**1967 Cork** Inchydoney, 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> September (Irish Bird Rep. 15: 30).

Still not annual; on average there are records every other year. The years 1966 and 1988 provided the best counts, with four each. A great prize for dedicated rarity-finders; the best chance seems to be an adult in the second half of July, but within this period sightings are well spread geographically.

## **White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis* (24, 341, 10)**

**Avon** Severn Beach, adult, 20<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August, photo. (P.D.Bowerman, R.F.Reader *et al.*).

**Cleveland** Saltholme Pools, adult, 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October (J.Grievson, P.J.Hinley, R.Little *et al.*).

**Grampian** Annachie Lagoon, adult, 30<sup>th</sup> July, photo. (Dr I.M.Phillips, S.A.Reeves *et al.*).

**Hampshire** Titchfield Haven, adult, 7<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> August (T.G.Ball, D.Hobern *et al.*).

**Humberside** Beacon Ponds, Kilnsea, adult, 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> August (J.Cooper, K.Dillon, F.X.Moffatt *et al.*).

**Kent** Reculver, adult, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> August (C.H.Hindle, P.A.L.Millard *et al.*). Sandwich Bay, adult, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September (D.R.Watson *et al.*).

**Leicestershire** Rutland Water, adult, 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September (A.H.J.Harrop, J.Wright *et al.*).

**Lothian** Aberlady Bay, adult, 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October (C.N.Davison, K.Gillon *et al.*).

**Surrey** Walton Reservoirs, adult, 30<sup>th</sup> August (D.M.Harris).

### **IRELAND**

**1966 Cork** Cape Clear Island, 8<sup>th</sup> September. Tivoli, 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September. Shanagarry Marsh, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> October; presumed same, Ballymona, 9<sup>th</sup> (Irish Bird Rep. 14: 35-36).

**1966 Kerry** Akeragh Lough, 8<sup>th</sup> September; 29<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Ballyheigue Strand, 27<sup>th</sup> September (Irish Bird Rep. 14: 35-36).

**1974 Kerry** Akeragh Lough, two, 23<sup>rd</sup> October (Irish Bird Rep. 22: 13).

In Britain, every one an adult.

## **Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii* (4, 170, 7)**

**Cornwall** Colliford Reservoir, juvenile, 23<sup>rd</sup> September (P.Kemp); same, Dozmary Pool, 24<sup>th</sup> (G.J.Conway *et al.*).

**Cornwall/Devon** Upper Tamar Lake, juvenile, 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September, photo. (J.Hawkey, G.P.Sutton *et al.*).

**Devon** See Cornwall/Devon above.

**Norfolk** Cley, adult, 30<sup>th</sup> July (S.Gillings *et al.*).

**Scilly** St Agnes, juvenile, 18<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September (W.H.Wagstaff *et al.*); juvenile, 11<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (K.D.Shaw *et al.*), present, 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> (per W.H.Wagstaff).

**Yorkshire, North** Filey, 8<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (D.Bywater *et al.*).

**Yorkshire, South** Broomhill Flash, juvenile, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> September (J.Hewitt *et al.*).

**1994 Highland** Sandside Bay, Caithness, juvenile, 8<sup>th</sup> October (E.W.E.Maughan *et al.*).

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**1974 Kerry** Akeragh Lough, 23<sup>rd</sup> October (Irish Bird Rep. 22: 13).

**1975 Londonderry** Lough Beg, 15<sup>th</sup> September (Irish Bird Rep. 23: 15).

**1975 Kerry** Akeragh Lough, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June; 1<sup>st</sup> September (Irish Bird Rep. 23: 15).

An interesting contrast to the previous species: the majority of records are of juveniles and are later in the autumn.

## **Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus* (23, 158, 2)**

**Cumbria** Bowness-on-Solway, 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (Mr & Mrs T.D.Holden, D.West).

**Lincolnshire** Donna Nook, 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July, photo. (P.M.Troake *et al.*).

**1993 Humberside** Blacktoft Sands, juvenile, 15<sup>th</sup> September (G.Allison).

**1993 Kent** See below.

**1994 Kent** Shellness, 3<sup>rd</sup> May (Brit. Birds 88: 514), was in 1993.

A poor year.

## **Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Tryngites subruficollis* (33, over 396, -)**

### **IRELAND**

**1970 Down** St John's Point, two, 9<sup>th</sup> September (Irish Bird Rep. 23: 16; Irish Birds 1: 96).

**1974 Cork** Cape Clear Island, 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September (Irish Bird Rep. 22: 13).

**1974 Londonderry** Lough Beg, 15<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September (Irish Bird Rep. 22: 13).

**1975 Dublin** North Bull, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> September, two 11<sup>th</sup>; another 21<sup>st</sup>; presumed same and three others, 25<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> October (Irish Bird Rep. 23: 16).

**1975 Londonderry** Lough Beg, 21<sup>st</sup> September (Irish Bird Rep. 23: 16).

This species is no longer considered by the Committee.

## Great Snipe *Gallinago media* (180, 79, 4)

**Shetland** Fair Isle, three: 31<sup>st</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September (C.M.Hewson, Dr R.Riddington *et al.*); 8<sup>th</sup> to at least 19<sup>th</sup> (I.Forsyth, F.X.Moffatt, Dr R.Riddington *et al.*); 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, photo. (C.M.Hewson, I.Wilson *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: plates 164 & 165).

**West Midlands** Sandwell Valley, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, photo. (P.M.Hackett, S.M.Whitehouse *et al.*).

**1979 Greater Manchester** Greenfield, near Oldham, juvenile/first-winter, shot, 24<sup>th</sup> September, photo. (per J.H.Marchant, Mrs A.J.Smith).

**1992 Cumbria** Locality withheld, shot, September, photo. (per T.Dean).

Fair Isle continues to dominate, but it is interesting to note that there has been a recent increase in records from elsewhere. The West Midlands record, on a typical date, does deserve mention: any reserve would be proud to have this species 'on its list'.

## Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus* (9, 174, 7)

**Cornwall** Marazion, juvenile/first-winter, 18<sup>th</sup> October (A. & G.Barrett, W.D.Neate *et al.*). Porthgwarra, age uncertain, 21<sup>st</sup> October (J.D.Bryden, T.M.Carne, S.M.Christophers).

**Grampian/Tayside** River North Esk, Kinnaber, juvenile/first-winter, 22<sup>nd</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> February 1996 (R.D.Goater, M.S.Scott *et al.*).

**Humberside** Tophill Low, juvenile, 8<sup>th</sup> October to 29<sup>th</sup> December, photo. (G.P.Catley, P.Charlton, F.X.Moffatt *et al.*).

**Orkney** Firth, juvenile, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> October (E.R.Meek, C.Self *et al.*). North Ronaldsay, juvenile, 11<sup>th</sup> October (P.J.Donnelly, M.Gray *et al.*).

**Shetland** Nesting, juvenile, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> November, photo. (W.Jackson, P.Sclater *et al.*).

**Tayside** See Grampian/Tayside above.

### IRELAND

**1972 Kerry** Akeragh Lough, 12<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June (Irish Bird Rep. 22: 11).

The best year since 1990; the North Esk bird was on the Grampian/Tayside boundary and was, of course, claimed by both regions.

## Dowitcher *Limnodromus* (31, 267, 7)

### IRELAND

**1975 Cork** Ballycotton, 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October (Irish Bird Rep. 23: 13).

The totals include those of specifically identified individuals.

## Upland Sandpiper *Bartramia longicauda* (15, 29, 2)

**Cornwall** Polgigga, 21<sup>st</sup> October (J.D.Bryden, T.M.Carne, S.M.Christophers).

**Scilly** St Mary's, 12<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (N. & Mrs F.Anderson, D.G.Lambert, A.Self *et al.*).

The Committee sees no good reason not to treat these as two separate records.

## Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis* (12, 73, 6)

**Cambridgeshire** Near Upware, 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> July (R.J.Allison, O. & Mrs M.Marks *et al.*).

**Essex** Old Hall Marshes, 28<sup>th</sup> July (T. & Mrs V.Mendham); presumed same, 5<sup>th</sup> August (B.Churches).

**Norfolk** Cantley, three juveniles, 4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> August, photo. (D.J.Holman, B.Jarvis *et al.*).

**Sussex, East Pett Pools**, juvenile, 31<sup>st</sup> July (D.P.Bowtell, J.A.B.Gale *et al.*).

Erratic in its occurrence, but generally getting less rare. Three together must have been a wonderful, if slightly bemusing, sight for the finder but is, however, not unprecedented: three were seen by Eric Ennion near Southwold, Suffolk, on 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> May 1947 (Brit. Birds 41: 156-157), and two were seen together by N.F.Ticehurst at The Midrips, East Sussex, on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1937 (Brit. Birds 31: 197-198).

## **Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* (12, 18, 1)**

**Norfolk** Breydon Water, Berney Marshes and Burgh Castle, first-summer, 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May (P.R.Allard *et al.*). Also in Suffolk.

**Suffolk** Southwold, first-summer, 14<sup>th</sup> May (B.J.Small *et al.*). Same as Norfolk.

With the 1994 records, this is the first time this species has appeared in two consecutive years since 1978-79. The second half of May seems to be a good time.

## **Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* (35, 195, 10)**

**Cornwall** Drift Reservoir, juvenile, 25<sup>th</sup> August (G.Hobin, F.Potts *et al.*).

**Kent** Dungeness, 5<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (M.C.Buckland, R.J.Price, R.E.Turley *et al.*); juvenile, 26<sup>th</sup> August (P.G.Akers *et al.*).

**Lancashire** Leighton Moss, juvenile, 18<sup>th</sup> October (S.J.Dodgson *et al.*).

**Leicestershire/Northamptonshire** Stanford Reservoir, juvenile, 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September, photo. (S.C.Tilley *et al.*).

**Norfolk** Burnham Norton, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> June (V.Eve, M.Ferrier *et al.*). Holme, adult, 2<sup>nd</sup> August (G.F.Hibberd, N.Lawton).

**Northamptonshire** See Leicestershire/Northamptonshire above.

**Nottinghamshire** Holme Pierrepont and Netherfield, first-winter, 25<sup>th</sup> November to 15<sup>th</sup> December, photo. (M.C.Dennis, J.A.Hopper, R.G.Woodward *et al.*).

**Shropshire/Staffordshire** Knighton Reservoir, Soudley, juvenile to first-winter, 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November, photo. (D.A. & Mrs M.Barnes *et al.*).

**Staffordshire** See Shropshire/Staffordshire above.

**Suffolk** Minsmere and North Warren, 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> May (A.Gooding, R.N.Macklin, I.Robinson *et al.*).

A good year. This species had some poor years in the mid to late 1980s. Interesting to see so many records from inland counties, including Nottinghamshire, whose reputation for rare waders and rarities generally continues to grow.

## **Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus* (3, 37, 4)**

**Norfolk** Breydon Water and Berney Marshes, 15<sup>th</sup> June (P.R.Allard, P.J.Heath). Snettisham, 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July (P.Fisher, D.May *et al.*).

**Shetland** Boddam, 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June, photo. (I.S.Robertson *et al.*).

**Suffolk** Minsmere, 14<sup>th</sup> June (P.I.Holt, G.Lowe, B.Williamson).

A better-than-average year; June and July are good months for this species. The Minsmere and Breydon records may refer to the same individual.

## **Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularia* (6, 103, 6)**

**Cleveland** South Gare, 16<sup>th</sup> June, photo. (D.Cowton *et al.*).

**Cornwall** College Reservoir, first-winter, 5<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> November, photo. (L.F. & R.C.James, A.R.Pay *et al.*).

**Devon** Stoke Gabriel, 21<sup>st</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May (J.Gale, M.R. & Mrs T.Langman, B.Poley *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: page 503 fig. 9). Lopwell Dam, juvenile to first-winter, 4<sup>th</sup> November to 1996 (P.J.Barden, S.Bird, P.Edmonds *et al.*). Newton Abbot, adult, 13<sup>th</sup> December to at least 13<sup>th</sup> February 1996 (J.E.Forley, K.Rylands *et al.*).

**Norfolk** Welney, since 18<sup>th</sup> September 1994 to 27<sup>th</sup> January (Brit. Birds 88: 517).

**Nottinghamshire** Holme Pierrepont, first-winter, since 17<sup>th</sup> December 1994 to 5<sup>th</sup> January (Brit. Birds 88: 517).

**Suffolk** Walberswick, 18<sup>th</sup> May (G.J.Button, E.W.Patrick, R.F.Tomlinson).

This species upholds its reputation for mid-winter and mid-summer records.

## **Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor* (1, 257, 4)**

**Essex** Old Hall Marshes, female, 18<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July (P.Charlton, D.J.Holman *et al.*).

**Scilly** St Agnes, first-winter, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, photo. (D. & Mrs E.Price *et al.*). Tresco, adult, 5<sup>th</sup> October (R.M. & R.P.Fray, M.J.Lawson, A.J.Mackay *et al.*).

**Somerset** Porlock Marsh, female, 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June, photo. (I. & Mrs K.Bloomer *et al.*).

**1988 Scilly** St Mary's, 2<sup>nd</sup> September (V.A.Stratton).

**1991 Gwynedd** Glan Conwy, adult and first-winter, 28<sup>th</sup> September (A.Davies, O.Roberts).

### **IRELAND**

**1975 Derry** Lough Beg, 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September (Irish Bird Rep. 23: 17).

If you find one in spring it is likely to be a female, making misidentification even less likely.

## **Laughing Gull *Larus atricilla* (2, 63, 2)**

**Leicestershire** Trent Valley Country Park, first-summer, 5<sup>th</sup> July (R.M.Fray).

**Norfolk** Salthouse, Cley and Blakeney Harbour, first-summer, 1<sup>st</sup> June, photo. (Mr & Mrs C.J.Mitchell *et al.*); presumed same as Suffolk.

**Suffolk** Minsmere, first-summer, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> July (D.Fairhurst *et al.*); same, Sizewell, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, photo. (D.J.Holman *et al.*); same, Lowestoft, 8<sup>th</sup> (R.Fairhead, R.Wilton). Also in Norfolk.

The Norfolk and Suffolk records probably relate to the same individual. Both this and the next species are prone to providing mid-summer records.

## **Bonaparte's Gull *Larus philadelphia* (11, 73, 3)**

**Derbyshire** Matlock, adult, 13<sup>th</sup> December (R.J.Lowe *et al.*); presumed same, Ogston Reservoir, 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> (Dr T.Sinnott *et al.*).

**Glamorgan, South** Taff Estuary, Cardiff, first-winter, 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> April, photo. (P.Bristow *et al.*).

**Merseyside** Seaforth, adult, 15<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (A.J.Conway, M.A.Garner, S.J.White *et al.*).

**1994 Cheshire/Clwyd** inner Marsh Farm, first-winter/first-summer, 12<sup>th</sup> June (P.F.Twist, R.Wilkinson *et al.*); present, 1<sup>st</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> (per E.J.Abraham).

Traditionally, Southwest England has been the best region for this species, with almost 50% of records, but in recent years the inland counties of England have 'come into their own'. This showing continues that trend.

## **Herring Gull *Larus argentatus***

### ***L. a. smithsonianus* (0, 15, 1)**

Individuals showing the characters of the North American race *smithsonianus* were noted as follows:

**Merseyside** Seaforth, first-winter, 26<sup>th</sup> March (T.Vaughan).



**1994 Cheshire** Neumann's Flash, first-year, 26<sup>th</sup> February to 4<sup>th</sup> March (P.I.Holt, P.E.Kenyon, D.Quinn). Also in Merseyside.

**1994 Merseyside** Otterspool, first-year, 6<sup>th</sup> March (M.A.Garner, G.Thomas). Presumed same as Cheshire.

On the strength of these records, this race has been accepted for addition to Category A of the British List by the BOURC. Both the BBRC and the BOURC congratulated the observers involved on their excellent, detailed reports. With 14 previous Irish records, the first for Britain were long overdue.

## **Iceland Gull *Larus glaucoides***

### ***L. g. kumlieni/thayeri* (0, 35, 5)**

Individuals showing the characters of one or other of the western races *kumlieni* or *thayeri* were noted as follows:

**Dorset** Abbotsbury, adult, recently dead, 10<sup>th</sup> April, photo. (S.A.Groves *et al.*).

**Grampian** Banff and Macduff, adult, 7<sup>th</sup> January to 24<sup>th</sup> February (P.D.Bloor, D.Suddaby *et al.* per A.Webb). Presumed same as 1994 (Brit. Birds 88: 518).

**Leicestershire** Eye Brook Reservoir, adult, 19<sup>th</sup> December (A.H.J.Harrop, M.Ketley, J.Wright *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: page 494 fig. 6).

**Merseyside** Seaforth, adult, 7<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 6<sup>th</sup> February (A.J.Conway, P.Kinsella *et al.*).

**Shetland** Lerwick, adult, 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April, photo. (H.R.Harrop, F.J.Maroevic, M.Mellor *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: plate 161).

**Western Isles** St Kilda, adult, 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 8<sup>th</sup> March, photo. (K.Douglas, R.Eadie *et al.*).

**1990 Yorkshire, North** Bolton-on-Swale, adult, 17<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> March (D.Beaumont, N.Morgan).

**1992 Yorkshire, West** Swillington Ings, adult, 5<sup>th</sup> January (M.P.Lawlor, A.J.Musgrove); previously rejected (Brit. Birds 86: 538).

**1993 Northumberland** Tynemouth, first-summer, 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> April (C.Bradshaw, A.Hutt).

**1993 Shetland** Hillswick, adult, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> February (H.R.Harrop, P.V.Harvey, M.Mellor).

Nine records from current and past years remain under consideration.

### **Ross's Gull *Rhodostethia rosea* (2, 67, 4)**

**Cleveland** Greatham Creek, adult, 12<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June, photo. (M.Leakey *et al.*). Also in North Yorkshire.

**Devon** Slapton Ley, adult, 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February, photo. (P. & Mrs C.Leigh *et al.*).

**Lancashire** Fleetwood, adult, 24<sup>th</sup> January (D.Hindle, P.Ross, R.Scholes). Also in Merseyside.

**Merseyside** Seaforth, adult, 30<sup>th</sup> January to 15<sup>th</sup> March, photo. (T.J.Meehan *et al.*). Presumed same as Lancashire.

**Yorkshire, North** Filey, first-winter, 30<sup>th</sup> January (L.Gillard, J.Sanderson, H.J.Whitehead); adult, 11<sup>th</sup> June (J.Sanderson, P.M.Scanlan); presumed same as Cleveland.

**1994 Dyfed** Aberystwyth, Cardiganshire, adult, 30<sup>th</sup> December (C.Bird, T.Hobson).

Although it is difficult to judge exactly how many individuals there were, this was clearly a good year, although not so good as 1981, 1983 and 1993, in each of which there were eight.

### **Ivory Gull *Pagophila eburnea* (76, 39, 1)**

**Highland** Inverness area, adult, 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> July, photo. (R.Gallop, D.M.Pullan *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: plate 162).

A remarkable record. This is the first July record and a real surprise from a species whose appearances, unlike those of Ross's Gull *Rhodostethia rosea*, have been almost restricted to November-February. The Longman Outflow, where the bird usually was, joins the tiny 'club' of sites which has had both Ross's and Ivory, although this site has done it the 'difficult' way, with first-winter Ross's and adult Ivory.

## **Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica* (52, 197, 7)**

**Cheshire** Frodsham, 31<sup>st</sup> July (W.S.Morton). Presumed same as Merseyside.

**Derbyshire** Drakelow, 25<sup>th</sup> June (T.Cockburn).

**Gloucestershire** Slimbridge, adult, 28<sup>th</sup> July (D.B.Paynter, M.McGill).

**Humberside** Flamborough Head, 27<sup>th</sup> May (D.Beaumont, B.Richards).

**Merseyside** Seaforth, second-summer, 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July, photo. (T.J.Meehan, G.Thomas *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: plate 160). Also in Cheshire.

**Shetland** Pool of Virkie, 25<sup>th</sup> June (A.D. & J.Clifton, G.Robertson).

**Sussex, East Rye**, two, 28<sup>th</sup> May (Dr B.J.Yates).

**1993 Norfolk** Burnham Norton, 6<sup>th</sup> August (Brit. Birds 88: 520), observers were V.Eve, J.Taylor.

The 1980s was a poor decade for this species – in fact there were several years with only one record. In comparison, this is a good year but it does not compare with the best year (1967), when there were 17. A good spread of records, although, as usual, not many ‘hung around’.

## **Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia* (30, 205, 4)**

**Dorset** Stanpit Marsh, 11<sup>th</sup> July (R.Howell *et al.*).

**Hampshire** Hill Head, 24<sup>th</sup> April (T.Carpenter *et al.*). Also in West Sussex.

**Kent** Bough Beech Reservoir, 30<sup>th</sup> April (C.Bond *et al.*).

**Somerset** Tealham Moor, 29<sup>th</sup> April (R.S.Cropper).

**Sussex, West Selsey Bill**, 24<sup>th</sup> April (T.J.Edwards, J.Faithfull). Presumed same as Hampshire.

**1982 Yorkshire, North Catterick**, 1<sup>st</sup> July, later dead in fishing line, now at Yorkshire Museum photo. (per M.L.Denton).

**1988 Suffolk** Lowestoft, 29<sup>th</sup> April (R.Wincup); presumed same as Breydon, Norfolk, 29<sup>th</sup> (Brit. Birds 82: 530).

As in the last few years, evidence of ‘one-day-stay tourists’.

## **Lesser Crested Tern *Sterna bengalensis* (0, 4, 1)**

**Cleveland** South Gare, 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (J.B.Dunnett *et al.*). Hartlepool, 11<sup>th</sup> June (C.Kehoe *et al.*); 15<sup>th</sup> July (G.Joynt *et al.*). Seal Sands and Seaton Snook, 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June (S.J.Hinley *et al.*). All same as Northumberland.

**Dorset** Hengistbury Head, 25<sup>th</sup> April (G.J.Armstrong).

**Northumberland** Farne Islands, female, intermittently, 2<sup>nd</sup> May to 28<sup>th</sup> August, photo.; nested twice, first clutch abandoned, chick from second lost; all identical to Sandwich Tern *S.sandvicensis*, but no mate identified (R.Archbold, A.Baxter, A.Chown *et al.*). Lindisfarne, 18<sup>th</sup> June (T.R.Cleaves). Cresswell Pond, 4<sup>th</sup> July, photo. (N.F.Osborne). Hauxley, 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July (N.F.Osborne). Tynemouth, 11<sup>th</sup> July (T.J.Tams), 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> (C.G.Batty, A.S.Disley *et al.*). Long Nanny, 13<sup>th</sup> July (I.S.Davidson, K.A.Haysom). All presumed to relate to returning individual of 1994 (Brit. Birds 88: 520).

**1991 Cleveland** Reclamation Pond, 16<sup>th</sup> June (J.B.Dunnett); presumed same as 1991 Northumberland (Brit. Birds 85: 530-531).

**1994 Humberside** Beacon Lane Ponds, 29<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June (F.Baudet, J.F.Cooper), presumed same as 1994 Northumberland (Brit. Birds 88: 520).

She visits these old familiar places.

## **Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri* (0, 23, 2)**

**Dorset** The Fleet and other coastal localities, first-winter, 26<sup>th</sup> December to 10<sup>th</sup> February 1996, photo. (B.Spencer *et al.*).

**Grampian** Ythan Estuary, first-summer, 3<sup>rd</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> August (P.Doyle, R.McGregor *et al.*). Presumed same as Lothian.

**Gwynedd** Bangor Harbour, first-winter, 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> January; same, Caernarvon, 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> February, photo. (M.Berw-Hughes *et al.*).

**Lothian** Musselburgh area, first-winter, intermittently since 16<sup>th</sup> December 1994 (Brit. Birds 88: 522), coast from Portobello, Edinburgh, to Aberlady Bay, mainly Musselburgh, 21<sup>st</sup> February to 10<sup>th</sup> April, photo. (per I.J.Andrews). Also in Grampian.

This species has missed only one year (1981) since the first in 1980. The Lothian bird, it seems, moved up to Grampian for the summer – the farthest north yet.

## **Bridled Tern *Sterna anaethetus* (3, 18, 0)**

**1994 Strathclyde** Tiree, 30<sup>th</sup> June to 9<sup>th</sup> July, photo. (G.Evans *et al.*).

May have been the Foulney Island, Cumbria, bird of 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June (Brit. Birds 88: 522). This beauty added a bit of excitement to a season's important work on the Corn Crake *Crex crex* at one of Britain's most beautiful and underwatched locations. There was indeed 'a stranger in paradise'.

## **Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus* (20, 96, 4)**

**Cornwall** Camel Estuary, 9<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May (G.J.Conway, D.I.Julian *et al.*).

**Norfolk** Breydon, 15<sup>th</sup> June (I.N.Smith *et al.*).

**Suffolk** Landguard, 12<sup>th</sup> June (P.Oldfield).

**Yorkshire, North** Wheldrake Ings, 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May (S.C.Minns).

**1994 Cambridgeshire** Barleycroft Gravel-pit and Fen Drayton, 13<sup>th</sup> July, photo. (D. & R.Frost, D.Garner, A.Payne *et al.*).

**1994 Gwent** Llandegfedd Reservoir, 11<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July (Brit. Birds 88: 522), to 18<sup>th</sup> only.

**1994 Norfolk** Cley, two, 22<sup>nd</sup> May (J.Frost *et al.*). Presumed same as Buckinghamshire, Norfolk (Brit. Birds 88: 522).

This species is prone to 'slumps', but in the last couple of years it has picked up since its very poor years in the early 1990s, when there was only one record over a three-year period. The 1994 total now stands at nine, competing with the best years, 1987 and 1988.

## **White-winged Black Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus* (50, 627, 14)**

**Cleveland** Hartlepool, adult, 10<sup>th</sup> July (B.Beck, C.Kehoe *et al.*). Also in Northumberland.

**Cornwall** Hayle, juvenile, 18<sup>th</sup> October (S. & Mrs E.O'Donnell *et al.*). Presumed same as Scilly.

**Hampshire** Camp Farm Gravel-pits, Farnborough, juvenile, 8<sup>th</sup> September (K.B.Wills *et al.*); same, Fleet Pond, 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> (J.M.Clark, J.Eyre *et al.*). Also in Surrey.

**Kent** Dungeness, adult, 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July, photo. (R.J.Price *et al.*); adult and juvenile, 23<sup>rd</sup> (J. & P.Chantler, R.Heading).

**Northumberland** Tynemouth, adult, 10<sup>th</sup> July (P.Charleton, T.J.Tams); same, Seaton Sluice, 10<sup>th</sup> (T.R.Cleeves). Same as Cleveland.

**Orkney** Loch of Hundland, adult, 27<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August, photo. (K.Fairclough *et al.*).

**Scilly** St Agnes, juvenile, 17<sup>th</sup> October (A.R.Dean *et al.*); same, Tresco, 17<sup>th</sup> (K.Cutting, B.Harding). Same as Cornwall.

**Somerset** Westhay Moor, juvenile, 23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October (D.J.Angel, A.M.Browne *et al.*).

**Surrey** Frimley Gravel-pits, juvenile, 9<sup>th</sup> September (S.Abbott); same as Hampshire. Staines Reservoirs, juvenile, 18<sup>th</sup> August (B.Milton, J.Winder *et al.*).

**Sussex, West** Thorney Deeps, adult, 31<sup>st</sup> July (R.J.Senior); same, Chichester Gravel-pits, 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> August (T.J.Edwards, O.Mitchell *et al.*). Chichester Gravel-pits, juvenile, 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August (C.R.Janman, O.Mitchell *et al.*); juveniles, 18<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September, two, 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> (T.J.Edwards *et al.*).

**Tayside** Montrose Basin, juvenile, 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September (R.D.Goater, R.Taylor *et al.*).

**1994 Greater London** Barn Elms Reservoirs, juvenile, 25<sup>th</sup> September (F.J.Maroevic, S.J.Spooner *et al.*).

**1994 Humberside** Barton-on-Humber, adult, 16<sup>th</sup> July (Brit. Birds 88: 522); same, Blacktoft Sands, 16<sup>th</sup> (D.Page).

**1994 Norfolk** Lakenheath Flashes, adult, 5<sup>th</sup> June (Brit. Birds 88: 522), also entered Suffolk (S.Evans per D.F.Walsh).

**1994 Suffolk** See 1994 Norfolk above.

Also, a juvenile at St Andrews, Guernsey, Channel Islands, on 18<sup>th</sup> October. As last year, some very late records, including one on St Agnes, which was a new bird for Scilly for all present. July and August were, however, as always, good months for this species.

## **Brünnich's Guillemot *Uria lomvia* (2, 29, 1)**

**Shetland** Gulberwick, taken into care, 4<sup>th</sup> January, released Wadbister Voe, 1<sup>st</sup> February, last noted 2<sup>nd</sup>, photo. (Dr C.F.Mackenzie *et al.*).

**At sea** North of Sea area Fair Isle, 62°41'N 01°34'W, 23<sup>rd</sup> January (P.D.Bloor).

**1994 Lothian** Musselburgh, 6<sup>th</sup> February (Brit. Birds 88: 523), locality was Seafield.

The percentage of 'live records' is slowly growing year by year, putting this species firmly on the top of rarity-finders' 'shopping lists'.

## **Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura* (0, 1, 0)**

**1989 Man, Isle of** Calf of Man, trapped 31<sup>st</sup> October, dead 1<sup>st</sup> November (Brit. Birds 86: 496) identifier was I.Fisher.

The first record for Britain and Ireland was a first-year, probably a male and probably of the eastern race *carolinensis* (Brit. Birds 89: 157-161).

## **Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius* (6, 32, 1)**

**Cleveland** Greenabella Marsh, Hargreaves Quarry and Long Drag, juvenile, 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July, photo. (I.J.Foster, J.Grieveson, A.Robinson *et al.*).

Only the fourth mid-summer record.

## **Yellow-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus americanus* (22, 37, 1)**

**Scilly** St Mary's, 19<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (K.Blomerly *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: plate 193).

Recorded in consecutive years, following two blank years.

## **Eurasian Scops Owl *Otus scops* (64, 22, 1)**

**Cornwall** Morwenstow, 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April, photo. (J.C.Pett *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: plate 191).

The first in Britain since 1990.

## **Snowy Owl *Nyctea scandiaca* (many, 115, 1)**

**Orkney** Papa Westray, 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April, photo. (G.W. & Mrs R.D.Rendall *et al.*). North Ronaldsay, first-summer male, 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> April (Dr L.McYntyre, S.D.Stansfield *et al.*); presumed same as Papa Westray.

**Shetland** Fetlar, first-winter male, since 25<sup>th</sup> October 1994 to 17<sup>th</sup> February (Brit. Birds 88: 526), to 13<sup>th</sup> May.

The male originally taken into care on board a vessel and released on Fetlar in 1994 failed to find a partner there. One sitting on a roof-top in Gillingham, Kent, on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1994 was considered to be of uncertain origin.

## **White-throated Needletail Swift *Hirundapus caudacutus* (2, 6, 0)**

**1991 Derbyshire** Near Belper, 3<sup>rd</sup> June (Miss S.L.Thorpe) (Brit. Birds 89: page 510 fig. 10); presumed same as Kent, Staffordshire, Shetland (Brit. Birds 85: 532-533).

This was probably the same individual as that which visited Blithfield Reservoir, Staffordshire, only 48 km to the southwest, on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1991 and was sighted by a number of lucky observers as it travelled between Kent and Shetland. The post-1957 statistics (Brit. Birds 85: 532) have now been revised. The first record for Sweden was during 22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> May 1994 (Vår Fågelv. suppl. 22: 137).

## **Pacific Swift *Apus pacificus* (0, 1, 1)**

**Northamptonshire** Daventry Reservoir, 16<sup>th</sup> July (G.M.Pullan).

The second British record, the first having been in Norfolk in 1993, with another at-sea record of one caught on a gas-platform 45 km off Norfolk in 1981 (Brit. Birds 83: 43-46). A Staffordshire report in 1994 remains under consideration.

## **Alpine Swift *Apus melba* (150, 360, 9)**

**Devon** Langerstone Point, 17<sup>th</sup> May (G.J.Conway).

**Dorset** Hengistbury Head, 12<sup>th</sup> October (E.D.Lloyd).

**Essex** Near Manwood, 10<sup>th</sup> April (R.Allen) (Brit. Birds 89: page 511 fig. 11).

**Hampshire** Titchfield Haven area, 4<sup>th</sup> June (D.Treacher *et al.*).

**Humberside** Flamborough Head, 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> April (B.J.N.Hill *et al.*).

**Kent** Folkestone, 10<sup>th</sup> July (D.A.Gibson, I.A.Roberts).

**Lothian** Dunbar, 28<sup>th</sup> May (P.D.Keightley).

**Scilly** St Mary's, 8<sup>th</sup> October (S.Rock, T.J.Tams *et al.*); same, Gugh and St Agnes, 8<sup>th</sup> (D.Price *et al.*).

**Yorkshire, North** Scarborough, 3<sup>rd</sup> June (S.Wignill).

**1988 Clwyd** Rhuddlan, 19<sup>th</sup> April (S.Hughes).

**1988 Sussex, East** Beachy Head, 27<sup>th</sup> March (Brit. Birds 86: 497), already accepted (Brit. Birds 85: 533).

**1991 Essex** See 1991 Suffolk below.

**1991 Suffolk** Landguard, 11<sup>th</sup> July (Brit. Birds 86: 497), also Dovercourt, Essex (N.Odin *et al.*).

**1992 Dorset** Chesil Cove, 12<sup>th</sup> May (R.I.Morris).

**1994 Hereford & Worcester** Near Pershore, Worcestershire, 24<sup>th</sup> April (R.Prudden).

Similar numbers to those in 1994, but fewer than in the previous two years. One on Alderney, Channel Islands, on 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September was the second record for the island (the first was on 29<sup>th</sup> March 1988).

## **European Roller *Coracias garrulus* (135, 90, 1)**

**Highland** Badicaule, Lochalsh, 23<sup>rd</sup> July (D.J.Holman *et al.*); present 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, photo.

The last blank year was 1988; the current run of seven consecutive years equals the longest run since the formation of the Rarities Committee in 1958.

## **Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica* (7, 265, 12)**

**Cleveland** Long Drag Pool, 10<sup>th</sup> September (R.Little).

**Dorset** Portland, 7<sup>th</sup> May (K.E.Vinicombe). Chesil Beach, 3<sup>rd</sup> May (R.I.Morris).

**Dyfed** Marloes, Pembrokeshire, 7<sup>th</sup> May (R.Stonier *et al.*).

**Grampian** Loch Spynie, 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> May (R.Proctor *et al.*).

**Kent** Dungeness, 6<sup>th</sup> May (M.C.Buckland, M.Garwood, D.Walker *et al.*).

**Norfolk** Sheringham, 7<sup>th</sup> May (M.C.Young-Powell).

**Nottinghamshire** Attenborough, 10<sup>th</sup> September (S.A.Keller).

**Suffolk** Near Bramford, 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May (J.Zantbeer *et al.*).

**Sussex, East** Beachy Head, 9<sup>th</sup> May (J.F. & Mrs D.R.Cooper *et al.*). Arlington Reservoir, 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May (C.F.Ball, N.A.Driver *et al.*).

**Western Isles** Stornoway, Lewis, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> April (P.Cunningham *et al.*).

**1991 Greater Manchester** Stretford, 6<sup>th</sup> May (L.Tattershall).

**1994 Kent** Foreness, 30<sup>th</sup> April (S.D.W.Mount).

**1994 Norfolk** Brancaster and other localities, three adults, 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November (Brit. Birds 88: 527), observers should include N.M.Lawton.

**1994 Suffolk** Southwold, 14<sup>th</sup> May (J.M.Cawston, S.J.Ling *et al.*).

Quite a good year. The two additional 1994 records bring the total for that year to 22, the best year since 1990.

## **Cliff Swallow *Hirundo pyrrhonota* (0, 2, 2)**

**Humberside** Spurn, juvenile, 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (L.J.Degnan, D.R.Middleton, P.Robinson *et al.*).

**Scilly** Tresco, juvenile, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> December, photo. (R.Gleadle, R.J.Hathway *et al.*).

These are the third and fourth British records. Previous records were in Scilly on 10<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October 1983 and in Cleveland on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1988. Cave Swallow *Hirundo fulva* is now becoming regular in small numbers on the eastern seaboard of North America, so care must be taken to note colour of forehead, throat and rump when confronted with a potential Cliff Swallow.

## **Richard's Pipit *Anthus novaeseelandiae* (135, over 1026, -)**

**1963 Greater London** Brent Reservoir, 19<sup>th</sup> October (Dr L.A.Batten).

**1970 Cleveland** See Tawny Pipit *A.campestris* below.

This species is no longer considered by the Committee.

## **Blyth's Pipit *Anthus godlewskii* (1, 4, 0)**

**1990 Cornwall** Skewjack, first-winter, about 22<sup>nd</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November, photo. (C.D.R.Heard, G.Walbridge *et al.*).

**1993 Shetland** Fair Isle, first-winter, 31<sup>st</sup> October to 4<sup>th</sup> November, trapped 1<sup>st</sup>, photo. (G.Anderson, A.J.Leitch, B.Stammers *et al.*).

**1994 Kent** South Swale Nature Reserve, 7<sup>th</sup> November to 11<sup>th</sup> December, photo. (J.A.Rowlands *et al.*).

These become the second to third and fifth British records, with the one at Landguard, Suffolk, on 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November 1994 now becoming the fourth. Several records do, however, remain under consideration. This species must still be regarded as extremely difficult to identify, and can be problematical even in the hand.

## **Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris* (120, over 499, -)**

**1970 Cleveland** Teesmouth (then Durham), 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October (Brit. Birds 64: 363), now considered to have been Richard's Pipit *A.novaeseelandiae*.

This species is no longer considered by the Committee.

## **Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni* (1, 192, 2)**

**Shetland** Fair Isle, trapped 24<sup>th</sup> April, taken by Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus* 25<sup>th</sup> (Dr R.Riddington, K.A.Wilson *et al.*); 9<sup>th</sup> November (Dr R.Riddington, J.Watt *et al.*).

**1991 Humberside** Easington, 28<sup>th</sup> October (G.E.Dobbs, S.L.James).

**1993 Shetland** Norwick, Unst, two, 30<sup>th</sup> September, one to 3<sup>rd</sup> October (Brit. Birds 88: 529), already accepted (Brit. Birds 87: 542, where given observers correct). Additional record, Sumburgh, 3<sup>rd</sup> October (J.Coutts, J.M. & T.P.Drew, D.J.Rigby).

**1994 Shetland** Fair Isle, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> October (P.V.Harvey *et al.*).

An even leaner year than 1994 and the lowest annual total since 1989. The addition records bring the 1993 total to 36 and the 1994 total to seven.

## **Pechora Pipit *Anthus gustavi* (13, 42, 3)**

**Cornwall** Near Nanquidno, 5<sup>th</sup> October (M.C., P. & Mrs S.M.Combridge).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September (C.M.Hewson, K.Pellow, S.Rogers *et al.*). Foula 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September (M.J.McKee, C.Turner, T.Warrick).

**1994 Shetland** Burrafirith, Unst, 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September (H.C.Towll *et al.*). Fair Isle, 25<sup>th</sup> September (D.M.Harris, N.C.Ward *et al.*).

Recorded annually since 1988. The additional record away from the Northern Isles is noteworthy.

## **Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus* (3, 294, 14)**

**Greater London** Beddington Sewage-farm, 2<sup>nd</sup> November (S.J.Aspinall).

**Merseyside** Seaforth, 29<sup>th</sup> April (T.Vaughan).

**Norfolk** Titchwell, 19<sup>th</sup> May (D. & Mrs L.Bryant, D.Machin, R.Walker). Blakeney Point two, 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May (G.M.Cresswell, S.C.Joyner, A.M.Stoddart *et al.*). Sheringham, 24<sup>th</sup> May (D.H.Sadler, K.B.Shepherd, M.C.Young-Powell). Breydon, 15<sup>th</sup> May (P.R.Allard); 10<sup>th</sup> September (S.Smith *et al.*). Bacton, 10<sup>th</sup> September (M.Fischer). Holme, 20<sup>th</sup> September (A.F.Brown).

**Orkney** North Ronaldsay, 11<sup>th</sup> September (P.J.Donnely); 15<sup>th</sup> (M.Gray).

**Scilly** St Mary's, 14<sup>th</sup> to at least 21<sup>st</sup> October (P.J.Lymbery *et al.*). St Agnes, 27<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November, photo. (N.Wheatley *et al.*).

**1992 Humberside** Sammy's Point, Easington, 23<sup>rd</sup> May (M.Coverdale, L.J.Degnan, D.Page).

**1994 Greater London** Barn Elms Reservoirs, 14<sup>th</sup> October (N.P.Senior).

Another good year, particularly for North Norfolk, but a report on a second individual on St Mary's, Scilly, has yet to be received. The 1994 Greater London record brings the total for that year to 16 and is a sad reminder of the one seen by the late Rupert Hastings at the same locality on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1988.

## **Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola* (2, 74, 10)**

**Cornwall** Land's End, juvenile, 3<sup>rd</sup> September (R.Andrew, V.A.Stratton).

**Norfolk** Kelling, juvenile to first-winter, 17<sup>th</sup> September, photo. (P.A.J.Morris *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: page 514 fig. 12).

**Scilly** Tresco, first-winter, 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> August, photo. (R.J.Hathway *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: plate 195); juvenile 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September, photo. (W.H.Wagstaff *et al.*).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, first-winter, 17<sup>th</sup> August, photo. (Dr R.Riddington *et al.*); first-winter, 6<sup>th</sup> September (K.A.Wilson). Fetlar, first-winter, 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> September (D.Suddaby *et al.*). Seafield, Lerwick, first-winter, 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September (G.Ball, M.S.Chapman, K.Osborn *et al.*).

**Suffolk** Minsmere, male, 10<sup>th</sup> May (G.R.Welch, R.Urquhart *et al.*).

**Yorkshire, North** Filey, first-summer male, 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> June, photo. (P.M.Scanlan *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: plate 194).

**1994 Shetland** Quendale, 19<sup>th</sup> September (Brit. Birds 88: 530), finder was P.A.Dennis.

This is the highest-ever annual total, exceeding last year's record of seven. The last blank year was 1977. There are only three previous May records, two individuals in 1991 and one in 1993. A male photographed at Rue des Bergers Marsh, Guernsey, on 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> May was the first for the Channel Islands.

## **Thrush Nightingale *Luscinia luscinia* (2, 111, 3)**

**Orkney** Kirkwall, adult, 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> September, trapped 18<sup>th</sup> (E.J. & S.J.Williams).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, 25<sup>th</sup> May (C.M.Hewson *et al.*).

**Suffolk** Landguard, first-winter, 27<sup>th</sup> August to 15<sup>th</sup> September, trapped 27<sup>th</sup>, photo. (P.J.Holmes *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: plates 199 & 200).

A Humberside report remains under consideration. The first breeding record for the Netherlands was of five young fledged near Zeewolde, Flevoland, in June.

Field identification of this species can be extremely difficult and must be undertaken with great care, as discussed by Jon King and illustrated by Ian Lewington (Birding World 9: 179-189).

## **Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus* (3, 12, 1)**

**Northumberland** Holy Island, male, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, photo. (T.Farooqi *et al.*).

This species has now occurred for three years in succession after a four-year absence. Although this is the earliest British record, this species is an early migrant in China and it coincided here with Dark-throated Thrush *Turdus ruficollis* in Orkney, Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni* on Fair Isle and Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica* at Flamborough Head. There was no direct evidence of captive origin, although this species does feature in the cage-bird trade. The only previous spring record was of a male on Fetlar, Shetland, from 31<sup>st</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 1971. The first record for France was on Ouessant, Finistère, on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1993 (Ornithos 2: 13).

## **Common Stonechat *Saxicola torquata***

### ***S. t. maura/stejnegeri* (1, 230, 7)**

Individuals showing the characters of one or other of the eastern races *maura* or *stejnegeri* were recorded as follows:

**Norfolk** Blakeney Point, male, probably adult, 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September (G.E.Dunmore, S.C.Joyner, A.M.Stoddart *et al.*). Cley, first-winter male, 28<sup>th</sup> September (D.J.Holman *et al.*); present, September to 5<sup>th</sup> October, photo.

**Orkney** North Ronaldsay, female or first-winter, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> September (P.J.Donnolly *et al.*).

**Shetland** Cunningsburgh, female or first-winter, 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September (A.J.McCall *et al.*). Norwick, Unst, female, 2<sup>nd</sup> to at least 3<sup>rd</sup> October (P.Goddard, H.C.Towll *et al.*). Fair Isle, female or first-winter, 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October (Dr R.Riddington *et al.*).



**Yorkshire, North** Filey, first-summer male, 30<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (D.Bywater, D.A.Rushforth, Dr A.Sinnott *et al.*).

**1991 Kent** Folkestone, female or first-winter, 13<sup>th</sup> October (C.D. & I.A.Roberts).

**1991 Scilly** St Mary's, female or first-winter, 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (Dr P.Gasson *et al.*).

**1994 Dorset** Portland, first-winter male, 30<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October (G.Walbridge *et al.*).

**1994 Grampian** Near Collieston, female or first-winter, 8<sup>th</sup> November (I.Gordon, T.W.Marshall).

A poorer showing than in recent years.

### ***S. t. variegata (0, 2, 0)***

An individual showing the characters of the east Caucasus and north Iranian race *variegata* was recorded as follows:

**1993 Suffolk** Landguard, first-winter male, 11<sup>th</sup> September (J.M.Cawston, S.J.Ling *et al.*).

The only other record of this race was at Porthgarra, Cornwall, on 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> October 1985.

### **Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica (15, 39, 0)***

We have been asked to point out that the non-accepted record of this species at Folkestone, Kent, on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1992 (Brit. Birds 88: 558) was clearly of either this species or Pied Wheatear *O.pleschanka*, but defied specific identification despite the very full description provided.

### **Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti (11, 38, 0)***

**Cornwall** Near Hayle, first-winter female, since 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> December 1994 (Brit. Birds 88: 534), 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> January to 20<sup>th</sup> March, photo. (P.A.Rutter).

The longest-staying individual in Britain previously was at Gorple Reservoir, West Yorkshire, from 9<sup>th</sup> November 1949 to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1950 (Brit. Birds 43: 179-183).

### **Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis (6, 8, 1)***

**Norfolk** Hunstanton Golf-course, male, 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (K.Ellis *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: plate 196).

The first since 1989 and on a typical date.

### **Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus (0, 5, 1)***

**Shetland** Fair Isle, first-winter, trapped 19<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (C.M.Hewson, Dr R.Riddington, K.A.Wilson *et al.*).

**1994 Essex** Chipping Ongar, taken into care exhausted, 28<sup>th</sup> October, released 2<sup>nd</sup> November, last noted 3<sup>rd</sup>, photo. (F. & N.Pepper).

Single records in the last three years bring the British total to six. All have been in October except the first, which was on Fair Isle, Shetland, on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1975.

### **Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus (1, 18, 1)***

**Devon** Lundy, trapped 9<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (M.K.Ahmad, M.Gade, S.Wing *et al.*).

The first since 1993. The total remains at less than half that of Grey-cheeked Thrush *C.minimus*, which has now missed three years out of the last four.

## **Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus* (0, 15, 1)**

**Tayside** Auchmithie, male, 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (S.R.Green, T.Green *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: plate 198).

**1991 Scilly** St Mary's, 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> October (Brit. Birds 85: 538), was first-winter. Tresco, 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October (C.McClure *et al.*), presumed same as above. St Mary's, first-winter, 18<sup>th</sup> October (M.Fischer, R.C.Francis, K.Louth *et al.*), presumed same as above.

Only the third spring record, the previous ones both having been in 1981, at Aldbrough, Humberside, on 16<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> April and at Newburgh, Grampian, on 27<sup>th</sup> May. The first record for Poland this century was on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1995 (Brit. Birds 89: 39).

## **Dark-throated Thrush *Turdus ruficollis* (3, 30, 2)**

**Orkney** Stronsay, male, *T.r.atrogularis*, 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> April, photo. (R.Goodwin, J.F. & Mrs S.M.Holloway, K. & N.Kent).

**Shetland** Sumburgh and Grutness, first-winter female, *T.r.atrogularis*, 1<sup>st</sup> October (P.V.Harvey, D.Suddaby *et al.*).

The Orkney bird was the first spring record, although the Norfolk individual of early 1976 remained until 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

## **Lanceolated Warbler *Locustella lanceolata* (9, 55, 3)**

**Northumberland** Farne Islands, first-winter, 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September, trapped 17<sup>th</sup>, photo. (N.A.Littlewood, S.J.McElwee, S.Patterson *et al.*).

**Shetland** Gott, first-winter, trapped, 10<sup>th</sup> September, photo. (F.J.Maroevic, J.D.Okill). Lamba Ness and Skaw, Unst, first-winter, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> October, trapped 2<sup>nd</sup>, photo. (P.Goddard, H.C.Towll, H.T. & M.G.Pennington *et al.*).

**1994 Gwynedd** Bardsey, moribund, 8<sup>th</sup> October (K.A.Wilson *et al.*).

None was recorded on Fair Isle, Shetland, for the first time since 1983. The additional 1994 record was the second for Wales.

## **River Warbler *Locustella fluviatilis* (0, 17, 5)**

**Greater Manchester** Scotsman's Flash, in song, 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July, photo. (P.J.Alder, D.P.Broome *et al.*).

**Orkney** North Ronaldsay, first-winter, trapped 15<sup>th</sup> September (M.Gray, N.E.Robinson, S.D.Stansfield *et al.*).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, 27<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (I.Barton, K.Rosewarne *et al.*). Lerwick, 14<sup>th</sup> September (J.Coutts, Mrs M.Leslie *et al.*). Sumburgh, first-winter, 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September, trapped 17<sup>th</sup>, photo. (R.J.Wardle *et al.*).

This was the highest annual total, following three in 1981 and 1993. The Greater Manchester bird was the fourth in July. A Cambridgeshire record, lost during circulation, remains to be dealt with. A record total of about 31 singing males was recorded in Denmark in spring 1995 (Brit. Birds 89: 40).

## **Paddyfield Warbler *Acrocephalus agricola* (2, 32, 1)**

**Shetland** Fair Isle, first-winter, 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September, trapped 11<sup>th</sup>, photo. (Dr R.Riddington *et al.*).

This represents a return to a more normal situation, following last year's record number.

## **Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* (23, 161, 4)**

**Cleveland** Haverton Hole, in song, 22<sup>nd</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July, photo. (B.Beck, D.Clayton, R.T.McAndrew *et al.*).

**Norfolk** Weybourne, 31<sup>st</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June, trapped 31<sup>st</sup>, photo. (M.J.Preston *et al.*).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, first-winter, 30<sup>th</sup> September (M.Quirie, Dr R.Riddington, K.A.Wilson *et al.*).

**Sussex, East** Icklesham, trapped 1<sup>st</sup> July, photo. (G.Dutson, D.J.Pankhurst, S.J.R.Rumsey *et al.*).

**1993 Kent** Elmley, 27<sup>th</sup> May to 11<sup>th</sup> June (Brit. Birds 88: 539), to 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

**1994 Norfolk** Cley, 11<sup>th</sup> May to 26<sup>th</sup> June (Brit. Birds 88: 538), 27<sup>th</sup>.

A fairly typical showing.

## **Olivaceous Warbler *Hippolais pallida* (2, 13, 2)**

**Shetland** Fair Isle, 5<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June, trapped 5<sup>th</sup>, photo. (Dr R.Riddington, K.A.Wilson *et al.*).

**Suffolk** Benacre, 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> August, photo. (C.A.Buttle *et al.*).

The Fair Isle record is the first in spring. These are the first in Britain since 1985. Previous records of this species are currently under review. The pitfall of a Melodious Warbler *H.polyglotta* lacking yellow and green tones always needs to be eliminated when considering the identification of this species.

## **Booted Warbler *Hippolais caligata* (1, 58, 3)**

**Durham** Seaham Hall Dene, 21<sup>st</sup> September (P.Anderson).

**Shetland** Sumburgh, 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September, photo. (A.F.T. & G.J.Fitchett *et al.*). Fetlar, 11<sup>th</sup> September (T.Davies).

**1990 Humberside** Kilnsea, 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> September (N.A.Bell, G.E.Dobbs *et al.*).

**1993 Sussex, East** Icklesham, trapped 19<sup>th</sup> September (S.J.R.Rumsey, T.Squire, J.Willsher *et al.*).

A return to more-usual numbers after high totals in 1993 and 1994. There were only five prior to 1975, but 1986 was the last blank year. The additional 1993 record brings the total for that record year to 14.

## **Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans* (12, 327, 32)**

**Cornwall** Gwithian, male, 3<sup>rd</sup> May (P.A.Rutter). Church Cove, Lizard, male, 6<sup>th</sup> May (S.Kolodziejski).

**Dorset** Portland, male, 24<sup>th</sup> April (G.Walbridge). St Aldhelm's Head, male, 4<sup>th</sup> May (S.J.Morrison, P.A.Williams).

**Dyfed** Skokholm, females, 7<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> May (M.Betts, G.Thompson *et al.*).

**Essex** Priory Park, Southend-on-Sea, male, 29<sup>th</sup> September (B.Baldock, J.Saward).

**Gwynedd** Bardsey, first-summer female, 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May, trapped 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, photo. (I.Fisher, R.Greenhalgh, A.F.Silcocks *et al.*).

**Hampshire** Farlington Marshes, male, 21<sup>st</sup> May (J.Crook *et al.*).

**Humberside** Spurn, male, 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (G.Vause *et al.*). Sammy's Point, Easington, age/sex uncertain, 19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> September (M.P.Lawlor *et al.*).

**Kent** Dungeness, male, 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> April (N.E.Wall *et al.*). St Margaret's, male, 2<sup>nd</sup> September (A.J.Greenland, I.Hodgson); presumed same, 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> (J.R.H.Clements *et al.*).

**Man, Isle of** Calf of Man, first-summer male, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> May, trapped 4<sup>th</sup>, photo. (J.Bishop *et al.*).

**Norfolk** Sheringham, male, trapped 7<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (D.H.Sadler, M.C.Young-Powell). Blakeney Point, male, 7<sup>th</sup> May (B.J. & Mrs J.Small *et al.*); male, 23<sup>rd</sup> May (G.M.Cresswell, S.C.Joyner, A.M.Stoddart *et al.*); female, 24<sup>th</sup> (R.Gilbert, J.R.McCallum *et al.*). Kelling Heath, male, 26<sup>th</sup> May (Dr M.P.Taylor *et al.*).

**Northumberland** Prior's Park, first-summer female, 8<sup>th</sup> May (C.Bradshaw, M.P.Carruthers, K.W.Regan *et al.*).

**Orkney** Windwick, South Ronaldsay, first-summer female, 25<sup>th</sup> May (E.J. & S.J.Williams). Stronsay, male, 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (J.F.Holloway *et al.*). North Ronaldsay, male, 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September, trapped 14<sup>th</sup> (S.D.Stansfield *et al.*).

**Scilly** St Agnes, first-winter, 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October (M.Hepple *et al.*). St Mary's, male, 19<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October, photo. (B.J.Small *et al.*).

**Shetland** Fetlar, female, 26<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May (I. & N.Francis, D.Suddaby *et al.*). Whalsay, female, 26<sup>th</sup> May to 13<sup>th</sup> June, trapped 26<sup>th</sup> (Dr B.Marshall *et al.*). South Aywick, Yell, first-summer female, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> June (J.P.Taylor *et al.*). Noss, female, 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June, possibly since 4<sup>th</sup> (P.V.Harvey, D.Hemsley *et al.*). Fair Isle, male, probably first-summer, 27<sup>th</sup> May (Dr R.Riddington *et al.*); female, 13<sup>th</sup> June (C.M.Hewson, M.A.Newell, K.A.Wilson *et al.*).

**Yorkshire, North** Filey, male, 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October (C.C.Thomas *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: plate 167).

**1989 Scilly** St Mary's, age/sex uncertain, 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> October (P.A.Maker, J.P.Martin, S.Rogers *et al.*).

**1990 Cornwall** Caerthillian Cove, male, 30<sup>th</sup> March to at least 1<sup>st</sup> April (Brit. Birds 84: 492), to 20<sup>th</sup>.

**1994 Gwynedd** Bardsey, male, 16<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May, trapped 19<sup>th</sup>, photo. (A.F.Silcocks, K.A.Wilson).

**1994 Kent** Dungeness, first-summer female, 29<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (C.G.Bradshaw *et al.*).

An excellent total, equalling the record 32 in 1988. There was also a spring influx in Sweden (Brit. Birds 89: 40-41).

## **Sardinian Warbler *Sylvia melanocephala* (1, 44, 5)**

**Cornwall** Trevoze Head, male, 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> April (R.Smaldon *et al.*).

**Dorset** Weston, Portland, first-summer male, 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April, photo. (G.Walbridge *et al.*); female or first-winter, 12<sup>th</sup> October (P.Leigh, G.Walbridge).

**Kent** Dungeness, first-summer male, trapped 14<sup>th</sup> June (W.Attridge, D.Walker *et al.*).

**Man, Isle of** Calf of Man, female, trapped 6<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (N.Aspey, J.Bishop *et al.*).

This species has occurred in each of the previous five years, with five or more records in each of those years except 1991.

## **Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides* (13, 248, 24)**

**Borders** St Abb's Head, 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September (J.Landseer, O.J.Leyshon *et al.*).

**Cleveland** Hartlepool, 18<sup>th</sup> September (T.Francis).

**Gwynedd** Bardsey, first-winter, trapped 24<sup>th</sup> August, photo. (I.Fisher, A.F.Silcocks *et al.*).

**Humberside** Flamborough Head, 9<sup>th</sup> September (P.J.Willoughby *et al.*). Spurn, 23<sup>rd</sup> August (A.Dawson *et al.*); 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> September, trapped 11<sup>th</sup> (D.J.Bowes *et al.*).

**Norfolk** Great Yarmouth, 17<sup>th</sup> August (J.Oates *et al.*). Cley, 19<sup>th</sup> August (Miss D.E.Balmer, Dr J.D.Wilson, R.J.Wilson). Blakeney Point, 2<sup>nd</sup> September (S.C.Joyner, A.M.Stoddart). Happisburgh, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> September (Dr R.G.W.Heselden). Holkham Meals, 3<sup>rd</sup> September (M.D.Crewe, S.Gillings *et al.*). Cromer, 3<sup>rd</sup> September (D.J.Holman *et al.*). Overstrand, 4<sup>th</sup> September (B.J.Murphy).

**Northumberland** Prior's Park, 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> September (C.Bradshaw, M.P.Carruthers *et al.*). Low Newton, 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> September (R.J.Lockwood, M.I.Thomas *et al.*). Bamburgh, first-winter, 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September, trapped 16<sup>th</sup>, photo. (J.C.Day, M.K. & M.S.Hodgson *et al.*).

**Orkney** North Ronaldsay, 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September (M.Gray, T.Outlaw *et al.*); 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> (P.J.Donnelly *et al.*).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, three: first-winter, trapped 7<sup>th</sup> September, photo. (Dr R.Riddington, K.A.Wilson *et al.*); first-winter, 9<sup>th</sup> September (C.M.Hewson *et al.*); 18<sup>th</sup> September (Dr R.Riddington, S.Rogers, R.Wardle *et al.*).

**Sussex, East** Beachy Head, 10<sup>th</sup> September (M.E.Nolan, A.Quinn *et al.*).

**Yorkshire, North** Filey, 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> September (R.E.Harbird *et al.*); 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> (L.Gillard *et al.*).

**1990 Fife** Fife Ness, trapped 28<sup>th</sup> July (J.Cobb, N.Mann, S.Rowe).

**1994 Kent** Cliffe, 1<sup>st</sup> June (Brit. Birds 88: 541), locality was St Margaret's-at-Cliffe.

An excellent total, surpassed only by 29 in 1992. Reports of up to eight at Holkham Meals, Norfolk, during early September have yet to be fully substantiated.

## **Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis* (19, 186, 10)**

**Kent** St Margaret's, 14<sup>th</sup> October (J. & P.Chantler, R.Heading).

**Lincolnshire** Donna Nook, 3<sup>rd</sup> September (N.A.Lound, P.M.Troake *et al.*). Saltfleetby, 18<sup>th</sup> September (G.P.Catley).

**Lothian** Barns Ness, 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August, trapped 30<sup>th</sup> (S.Border, K.Gillon, C.C.McGuigan *et al.*).

**Orkney** North Ronaldsay, 13<sup>th</sup> September (T.Outlaw, S.D.Stansfield). Rendall, trapped 14<sup>th</sup> September (J.B.Ribbands *et al.*).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, three: trapped 27<sup>th</sup> June (C.M.Hewson, M.A.Newell, Dr R.Riddington *et al.*); 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> September, trapped 3<sup>rd</sup>, photo. (Dr R.Riddington *et al.*); 14<sup>th</sup> September (Dr N.J.Watmough *et al.*). Norwick, Unst, trapped 30<sup>th</sup> August (G.Gray, M.G.Pennington *et al.*).

**1993 Cornwall** Porthgarra, 8<sup>th</sup> September (G.J.Conway *et al.*).

**1994 Norfolk** Holkham Meals, at least 2<sup>nd</sup> September (A.I.Bloomfield, S.J.M.Gantlett *et al.*).

There have been more than ten in each of the last three years, but the most recent year before that with a total greater than ten was 1984, when 11 were recorded. The late-June record on Fair Isle, Shetland, echoes records on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1975 at Titchwell, Norfolk, and on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1982 on Fair Isle.

## **Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi* (1, 148, 8)**

**Cornwall** Porthgarra, 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October (D.P.Appleton).

**Dorset** Winspit, 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> October (S.J.Morrison *et al.*).

**Norfolk** Great Yarmouth, 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> October (G.M.Cresswell *et al.*).

**Suffolk** Landguard, trapped 15<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (P.J.Holmes, M.C.Marsh, S.H.Piotrowski *et al.*).

**Sussex, East** Icklesham, trapped 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> October (I.Hunter, S.J.R.Rumsey, T.Squire *et al.*). Beachy Head, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> November (A.S.Cook *et al.*).

**Sussex, West** Church Norton, 23<sup>rd</sup> October (C.R.Janman *et al.*).

**Wight, Isle of** St Catherine's Point, 29<sup>th</sup> October (M.Buckley, D.J.Hughes, K.Lover *et al.*).

**1994 Norfolk** Holme, 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October (G.F.Hibberd, N.M.Lawton *et al.*).

This is the highest annual total since 1991.

## **Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus* (1, 153, 10)**

**Cheshire** Arley, trapped 19<sup>th</sup> November, photo. (J.Pearce-Higgins, Dr M.Woodhead).

**Cornwall** Bude, 11<sup>th</sup> January to 4<sup>th</sup> May (G.P.Sutton *et al.*). Kenidjack, 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (J.D.Bryden, T.M.Carne, S.M.Christophers *et al.*).

**Devon** Bideford, since 28<sup>th</sup> December 1994 (Brit. Birds 88: 542, plate 180), to 30<sup>th</sup> April (A.M.Jewels *et al.*).

**Humberside** Spurn, 29<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November, trapped 31<sup>st</sup>, photo. (L.J.Degnan, D.R.Middleton, R.Rowland *et al.*).

**Kent** Sandwich Bay, first-winter, 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October, trapped 30<sup>th</sup>, photo. (P.A.Brown, D.R.Watson *et al.*); first-winter, 31<sup>st</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November, trapped 31<sup>st</sup>, photo. (T.Bagworth, L.J.Hirst *et al.*).

**Lothian** Barns Ness, 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November (I.J.Andrews, A.Brown *et al.*).

**Northumberland** Low Hauxley, first-winter, trapped 4<sup>th</sup> November, photo. (M.J.Carr *et al.*). Holy Island, 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> November (G.Bowman, P.R.Davey, I.Kerr *et al.*).

**Shetland** Sumburgh, 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May (M.G.Pennington *et al.*).

**1994 Norfolk** Holkham Meals, 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October (Brit. Birds 88: 542), 21<sup>st</sup> (per M.E.S.Rooney).

The two overwintering records and the spring record in Shetland recall the events of 1970, when one was ringed on the Calf of Man, Isle of Man, on 14<sup>th</sup> May and found dying in Co. Limerick, Ireland, on about 5<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli* (3, 129, 4)**

**Northumberland** Holy Island, 8<sup>th</sup> September (M.G.Anderson, P.R.Davey). Whitley Bay (formerly Tyne & Wear), 20<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September, photo. (M.P.Frankis, A.S.Jack, T.J.Tams *et al.*).

**Scilly** Bryher, 18<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October (F.White *et al.*).

**Shetland** Sumburgh, 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September, trapped 16<sup>th</sup>, photo. (A.Brown, J.F. & Mrs D.R.Cooper, I.S.Robertson *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 89: plate 168).

**1993 Orkney** Rousay, 17<sup>th</sup> May (M.Carr).

The record from Whitley Bay will be considered by the BOU Records Committee as a potential record of the eastern race *P.b.orientalis*, which has yet to be admitted to the British list. The taxonomic status of *orientalis* is under review by the BOURC, and this form may warrant specific status. It is important to record any calls given by further individuals, as this may help in assigning them to one or other subspecies/species.

## **Collared flycatcher *Ficedula albicollis* (2, 15, 2)**

**Norfolk** Cley, male, 5<sup>th</sup> May (S.J.M.Gantlett, H.P.Medhurst, S.R.Perry).

**Shetland** Tresta, male, 5<sup>th</sup> June (H.R.Harrop, M.Mellor).

The first records since 1992. Two in one year has been equalled only in 1979, 1984 and 1985. Even when confronted by apparent spring males, observer's should be aware that hybrids with Pied Flycatcher *F.hypoleuca* can cause identification problems (not to mention those presented by Semi-collared Flycatcher *F.semitorquata!*). Females and immatures remain extremely difficult to identify. Three reports from previous years remain under consideration.

## **Red-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta canadensis* (0, 1, 0)**

**1989 Norfolk** Ho1kharn Meals, 13<sup>th</sup> October to at least 6<sup>th</sup> May 1990 (Brit. Birds 84: 495; 88: 150-153, plates 36-37), was first-year male (Brit. Birds 88: 611).

## **Penduline Tit *Remiz pendulinus* (0, 94, 4)**

**Cambridgeshire** Somersham, first-winter, 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October (A.Hitchings *et al.*).

**Kent** Dungeness, juvenile, 13<sup>th</sup> October (P.G.Akers, R.J.Price *et al.*); juvenile, 19<sup>th</sup> (D.Walker).

**Sussex, East** Icklesham, first-winter, trapped 14<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (P.Jones, T.Squire, J.Willsher).

Although there are reports from Scilly yet to be submitted, this is a disappointing total in comparison with 1993 and 1994.

## **Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus* (1, 39, 3)**

**Dyfed** St David's, Pembrokeshire, first-winter, 27<sup>th</sup> October (D.J.Astins, J.W.Donovan *et al.*).

**Norfolk** Snettisham, male, in song, 2<sup>nd</sup> May (A.Bunting, N.Lawton, D.Snelling *et al.*).

**Orkney** Deerness, male, 10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September (K.E.Hague, E.R.Meek *et al.*).

**1989 Cornwall** Zennor, 27<sup>th</sup> to at least 30<sup>th</sup> October (Brit. Birds 85: 547), 31<sup>st</sup> (J.R.Smart).

The Norfolk record is only the fourth in spring. The only previous singing male was at Sidlesham, West Sussex, from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 20<sup>th</sup> April 1975.

## **Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor* (32, 119, 1)**

**Kent** St Margaret's, adult, 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August, photo. (I.Hodgson, M.Stephenson *et al.*).

The poorest showing since 1987.

## **Rosy Starling *Sturnus roseus* (160, 269, 27)**

**Cambridgeshire** Wyton, Huntingdonshire, adult, 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July (R.Frost *et al.*).

**Cornwall** Helston, 17<sup>th</sup> June (E.C. & Mrs V.James). Penzance, juvenile, 30<sup>th</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> October (G.Dutson *et al.*). Maenporth, juvenile, 10<sup>th</sup> November (R.C.James).

**Devon** Bickington, adult, 28<sup>th</sup> November to 6<sup>th</sup> February 1996 (L.Lock).

**Dorset** Portland, adult, 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August (D. & G.Walbridge *et al.*).

**Durham** Heighington, adult, 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June, photo. (K.Baldrige, Mrs D.Butt, D. & Mrs A.Raw). Hetton-le-Hole, adult, 28<sup>th</sup> August to 11<sup>th</sup> September, photo. (C. & G.W.Wilson *et al.*).

**Dyfed** Strumble Head, Pembrokeshire, juvenile, 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> September (C.Benson, G.Jones, G.H.Rees).

**Grampian** New Deer, adult, 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July, photo. (L.T.A.Brain *et al.*).

**Gwynedd** Dwygyfylchi, Caernarvonshire, adult, 12<sup>th</sup> July, photo. (E.J.Abraham, A.J.Vinson *et al.*).

**Hampshire** Headley, adult, 30<sup>th</sup> July, photo. (R.Dobbs).

**Humberside** Withernsea, adult, 11<sup>th</sup> June (H. & Mrs. M.C.Frost). Spurn, juvenile, 10<sup>th</sup> October (A.Dawson).

**Lincolnshire** Chapel St Leonard's, adult, 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> June, photo. (G.P.Catley, N.A.Lound *et al.*).

**Orkney** South Ronaldsay, juvenile, 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September (J. & Mrs R.McCutcheon, E.J. & S.J.Williams).

**Scilly** St Mary's, juvenile, 17<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October (R.M.Fray, A.J.Mackay *et al.*). St Agnes and Gugh, juvenile, 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> October (C.Turner *et al.*).

**Shetland** Scalloway, adult, 7<sup>th</sup> June to 25<sup>th</sup> July (J. & Mrs B.Walterson *et al.*). Whalsay, adult, 22<sup>nd</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July (J.L. & Mrs A.G.Irvine, Dr B.Marshall). Fair Isle, adult, 16<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> September (J.Barker, I.R.Dickie, M.A.Newell *et al.*); juvenile, 8<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September (Dr R.Riddington *et al.*).

**Strathclyde** Largs, Ayrshire, juvenile, 17<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (Miss H.Clayton, Miss V.Firminger).

**Suffolk** Lowestoft, adult, 17<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June (A.Crutchley, R.Fairhead, J.Pilgrim *et al.*).

**Sussex, East** Coldean, adult, 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June, photo. (R.J.Fairbank, Mrs H.K.Hammond, A.D. & I.J.Whitcombe *et al.*).

**Western Isles** Drimsdale, South Uist, adult, 4<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September, photo. (T.J. & Mrs V.Dix *et al.*).

**Yorkshire, North** Newby, Scarborough, adult or first-summer, 20<sup>th</sup> June (R.Monaghan, F.J.Thompson).

**1987 Yorkshire, West** Wakefield, adult, 23<sup>rd</sup> June (Brit. Birds 86: 525), same as Normanton, 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> June (Brit. Birds 85: 548).

**1991 Devon** Hope Cove, juvenile, 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September (Brit. Birds 86: 525), 8<sup>th</sup> (J.R.Smart *et al.*).

**1993 Gwynedd** Bardsey, juvenile, 21<sup>st</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September, photo. (Mrs J.L.Duffy, Mrs A.Normand *et al.*).

**1994 Dyfed** Ynyslas, Ceredigion, adult, 12<sup>th</sup> June (H.W.Roderick, B.G.Twigg).

**1994 Gwynedd** Moelfre, Anglesey, adult, 28<sup>th</sup> July, photo. (J.Barnes *et al.*); present 26<sup>th</sup> July to 21<sup>st</sup> August.

**1994 Norfolk** Winterton, adult, 7<sup>th</sup> June, photo. (P.Cawley *et al.*), presumed same as Sea Palling, 9<sup>th</sup> (Brit. Birds 88: 546).

**1994 Scilly** St Mary's, adult, 1<sup>st</sup> June (G.M.Cook).

Another excellent year for this species. It is of note that large numbers bred in Bulgaria and Hungary in 1995 (Brit. Birds 89: 42, 264). An adult photographed at Le Port, Jersey, on 25<sup>th</sup> June was the third record for the Channel Islands, the first and second having been in 1882 and 1993. The three additional records bring the 1994 record total to 29.

## **Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus* (1, 78, 10)**

**Cornwall** MV *Scillonian*, off Land's End, 30<sup>th</sup> September (M.A.Hardwick, A.V.Moon *et al.*). Pendeen, 15<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (G.J.Etherington *et al.*).

**Devon** Lundy, 9<sup>th</sup> October (M.K.Ahmad, J.R.Diamond).

**Dorset** Littlesea, 10<sup>th</sup> October (B.Spencer *et al.*).

**Dyfed** Porthclais, near St David's, Pembrokeshire, 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October (O. & Mrs G.Roberts *et al.*).

**Scilly** St Mary's, 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (M.Bishop, T.D.Codlin, D.Powell *et al.*), Tresco, 3<sup>rd</sup> to at least 10<sup>th</sup> October (P.A.Fraser, R.J.Hathway *et al.*). St Agnes, 15<sup>th</sup> to at least 21<sup>st</sup> October, photo. (P.Samson, J.W.Sykes *et al.*).

**Suffolk** Southwold, 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October (R.Walden *et al.*). Thorpeness, 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October (D.Fairhurst *et al.*).

The only higher totals were 14 in 1985 and 12 in 1988. The three accepted records for Scilly, however, are fewer than the number claimed to be present there during October. The unbroken run from 1980 is extraordinary for a Nearctic passerine.

## **Arctic Redpoll *Carduelis hornemanni* (30, 275, 155)**

**Cheshire** Holmes Chapel, 26<sup>th</sup> December (P.M.Hill).

**Cleveland** Hargreaves Quarry, male, trapped 2<sup>nd</sup> November, photo. (M.A.Blick, C.Brown *et al.*). South Gare, 5<sup>th</sup> December; another, 6<sup>th</sup> (A.Feeney, R.C.Taylor).

**Grampian** Cruden Bay, first-winter, 12<sup>th</sup> November (C.Barton, J.R.W.Gordon, I.A.Roberts *et al.*); unaged, 10<sup>th</sup> December (P.D.Bloor, C.Cronin, Dr I.M.Phillips). Loch Kinord, 28<sup>th</sup> December (Dr I.M.Phillips, K.D.Shaw). Fraserburgh, 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> December (I.Francis, Dr I.M.Phillips, A.Webb *et al.*). Loch Spynie, up to six, 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> December (M.J.H.Cook, C.A.Gervaise, R.Proctor *et al.*).

**Humberside** Spurn, eight: first-winter, trapped 10<sup>th</sup> November, photo. (B.R.Spence); female or first-winter, 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, photo. (J.M.Bayldon, D.Page *et al.*); 19<sup>th</sup> November (R.Meilcarek); 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> December (L.J.Degnan, B.R.Spence, I.D.Walker); male, 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, trapped 8<sup>th</sup> (L.J.Degnan, B.R.Spence, I.D.Walker *et al.*); first-winter male, 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> December, trapped 9<sup>th</sup>, photo.; male, 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, trapped 9<sup>th</sup>, photo. (B.R.Spence *et al.*); male, 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, trapped 10<sup>th</sup> (T.Collins, L.J.Degnan, B.R.Spence *et al.*).

**Lancashire** Worsthorne, Burnley, at least two, 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> December (P.Grice *et al.*).

**Leicestershire** Rushpit Wood, Rutland Water, up to five, 10<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> December, two, 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, three, 16<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, including male, 16<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, two individuals to 1996 (A.H.J.Harrop, J.Wright *et al.*).

**Lincolnshire** Twelve: Donna Nook, first-winter, 12<sup>th</sup> November (G.P.Catley, J.R.Clarkson, A.C.Sims). Laughton Forest, seven, at least 27<sup>th</sup> December (G.P.Catley, N.Drinkall, J.T.Harriman). Swanholme Park, Lincoln, two females or first-winters, 28<sup>th</sup> December, at least one to 30<sup>th</sup>; same, with two males, 31<sup>st</sup>; male and another to at least 6<sup>th</sup> January 1996 (K.E.Durose, D.M.Jenkins).

**Norfolk** Fourteen: Blakeney Point, 18<sup>th</sup> November (M.I.Eldridge). Holkham Meals, at least 19<sup>th</sup> November (A.I.Bloomfield). Overstrand, 11<sup>th</sup> December (B.J.Murphy). Cromer, up to four, 20<sup>th</sup> December to 1996 (M.P.Lee, A.M.Stoddart, S.C.Votier *et al.*). North Wootton, male and another, 20<sup>th</sup> December to 4<sup>th</sup> January 1996 (G.Brind, D. & M.Roberts *et al.*). Syderstone, male, 25<sup>th</sup> December, taken by Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*; four, 26<sup>th</sup> (A.I.Bloomfield).

**Northumberland** Eight: Holy Island, 12<sup>th</sup> November (M.P.Carruthers, T.Harris *et al.*). Inner Farne, 5<sup>th</sup> December (C.Drake, T.P.Drew, M.J.Pilsworth *et al.*); another, 6<sup>th</sup> (C.Drake, T.P.Drew, M.Hodges *et al.*). Brownsman, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> December, photo. (A.Baxter, N.A.Littlewood, S.McElwee *et al.*). Newbiggin, two, 9<sup>th</sup> December, one to 10<sup>th</sup>, photo. (T.R.Cleeves, J.G.Steele *et al.*). Felton Lane, 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> December (N.Foggo). Corbridge, 15<sup>th</sup> December (M.Richardson).

**Nottinghamshire** Budby, male, 16<sup>th</sup> to at least 19<sup>th</sup> December (A.Critchley, P.Palmer *et al.*).

**Orkney** Forty: Stronsay, 7<sup>th</sup> November, photo. (J.F. & Mrs S.M.Holloway, Mr & Mrs N.Kent, D.Peace); at least five, 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, three, 13<sup>th</sup>, five, 14<sup>th</sup>, three photo. (J.F.Holloway *et al.*); 1<sup>st</sup> December (J.F.Holloway); at least seven, 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, six, 8<sup>th</sup>, four, 9<sup>th</sup>, photo. (J.F.Holloway *et al.*). Stenness, 13<sup>th</sup> November (R.G.Adam, E.R.Meek); 9<sup>th</sup> December; another, 10<sup>th</sup> (E.R.Meek). North Ronaldsay, two, 13<sup>th</sup> November (M.Gray, T.Outlaw, S.D.Stansfield); first-winter, 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, trapped 14<sup>th</sup> (M.Gray, T.Outlaw, S.D.Stansfield *et al.*); another, 14<sup>th</sup> (T.Outlaw); first-winter, 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, trapped 14<sup>th</sup>, photo. (P.Donnolly, S.D.Stansfield, Mrs A.Tulloch *et al.*); first-winter, trapped 29<sup>th</sup>, photo. (A.E.Duncan, T.Outlaw, S.D.Stansfield); 6<sup>th</sup> December (A.D.Mitchell, T.Outlaw, S.D.Stansfield *et al.*); another two, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> (A.D.Mitchell, S.D.Stansfield); first-winter male, trapped 6<sup>th</sup>, photo. (A.E.Duncan, A.D.Mitchell, S.D.Stansfield *et al.*); two, 7<sup>th</sup>, including first-winter trapped (A.D.Mitchell, S.D.Stansfield); two first-winters, trapped 8<sup>th</sup>, one to 10<sup>th</sup>, both photo. (M.Gray, T.Outlaw, S.D.Stansfield); five others, 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, one to 10<sup>th</sup>, one to 14<sup>th</sup> (M.Gray, A.D.Mitchell, T.Outlaw). Stromness, 13<sup>th</sup> December (M.Gray). Burray, three, 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December (T.Dean *et al.*).

**Scilly** Samson, male, 5<sup>th</sup> December (M.Robins, P.J.Robinson).



**Shetland** Thirty-eight: Mid Yell, three, 4<sup>th</sup> November (Dr C.F.Mackenzie). Fladdabister, first-winter, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> November (G.W.Petrie). Kirkabister, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> November (M.Mellor, G.Robertson *et al.*). Skaw, Whalsay, female, 4<sup>th</sup> to at least 6<sup>th</sup> November, trapped 5<sup>th</sup> (J.L.Irvine, Dr B.Marshall); possibly same, 11<sup>th</sup> (H.R.Harrop, P.V.Harvey). Haroldswick, Unst, at least two, 5<sup>th</sup> November, probably since 4<sup>th</sup>, including first-winter male, trapped 5<sup>th</sup> (H.Laurenson, M.G.Pennington, J.Thomson *et al.*). Nesting, two, 6<sup>th</sup> November (K.Osborn). Skaw, Unst, 9<sup>th</sup> November, possibly same as Haroldswick (C.Donald, K.Osborn). Halligarth, two, 9<sup>th</sup> November (C.Donald, K.Osborn). Isbister, Whalsay, 11<sup>th</sup> November (H.R.Harrop, P.V.Harvey *et al.*). Fair Isle, male, 11<sup>th</sup> November, presumed same, 13<sup>th</sup>; female or first-winter, 5<sup>th</sup> December; female or first-winter, 10<sup>th</sup> (Dr R.Riddington). Toab, male and three others, 12<sup>th</sup> November, one to 13<sup>th</sup>, one to 16<sup>th</sup> (H.R.Harrop, P.V.Harvey *et al.*). Tingwall, 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November (P.Sclater). Fetlar, 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November (D.Suddaby); presumed another, 19<sup>th</sup> (T.G.Davies). Baltasound, Unst, two, 15<sup>th</sup> November (P.V.Harvey); another, 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> (M.J.MacLeod, M.G.Pennington); 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> December; another, 11<sup>th</sup> (M.G.Pennington). Bressay, male and two others, 17<sup>th</sup> November (C.Donald); presumed same and two others, 18<sup>th</sup> (K.Osborn). Gulberwick, 2<sup>nd</sup> December (Dr C.F.Mackenzie). Sandwick, 6<sup>th</sup> December; first-winter male, 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, trapped 17<sup>th</sup> (P.M.Ellis, P.V.Harvey).

**Staffordshire** Hanchurch, male, 27<sup>th</sup> December (J.P.Martin).

**Tayside** Vane Farm, 24<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> December (D.Ogilvie, K.D.Shaw).

**Yorkshire, South** Four: Finningley Park, Doncaster, first-winter, trapped 9<sup>th</sup> December, photo. (L.J.Degnan, D.Hazard, N.P.Whitehouse); first-winter male, trapped 17<sup>th</sup> December, photo. (D.Hazard, P.Shawcroft, N.P.Whitehouse); first-winter, trapped 27<sup>th</sup> (D.Hazard). Broomhill, Barnsley, first-winter, 31<sup>st</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1996 (N.W.Addey, J.M.Turton *et al.*).

**Yorkshire, West** Six: Winterset Reservoir, male, trapped 15<sup>th</sup> November (A.Porter); first-winter, trapped 8<sup>th</sup> December, photo. (A.Porter, G. & P.Smith); first-winter male, trapped 9<sup>th</sup>, photo. (P.Harrison, A.Porter, P.Smith); first-winter, trapped 16<sup>th</sup>, photo. (J.M.Gardner, A.Porter, P.Smith *et al.*); first-winter, trapped 27<sup>th</sup>, photo. (T.Collinson, A.Porter, P.Smith *et al.*); another first-winter, trapped 27<sup>th</sup>, photo. (S.Denny, P.Smith, J.M.Turton).

**1993 Highland** Brora, 26<sup>th</sup> January (A.Vittery).

**1994 Grampian** Girdle Ness, 17<sup>th</sup> October (I.Gordon, S.A.Reeves).

An unprecedented influx which continued into 1996. The previous highest annual total was 63 in 1991. The standard of submissions has been very high (only a handful so far have been rejected). The superb dossier submitted by S.D.Stansfield on behalf of the North Ronaldsay Bird Observatory deserves special mention. We request that any outstanding 1995 (or early 1996) records be submitted as soon as possible. A paper on the invasion is in preparation for publication in *British Birds*.

## **Parrot Crossbill *Loxia pytyopsittacus* (10, 474, 2)**

**Lincolnshire** Laughton Forest, two female, 8<sup>th</sup> March (G.P.Catley).

**1991 Hampshire** Bourley Hill, Aldershot, two males, at least one female, 29<sup>th</sup> March (K.Rylands).

There have now been single records in consecutive years, after two blank years following the high numbers in 1990 and 1991.

## **Tennessee Warbler *Vermivora peregrina* (0, 3, 1)**

**Western Isles** Hirta, St Kilda, 20<sup>th</sup> September, photo. (T.J.Dix, K.J.Douglas).

Only the fourth record and again on a Scottish island: the previous records were on Fair Isle, Shetland, on 6<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September and 24<sup>th</sup> September 1975 and at Holm, Orkney, on 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September 1982.

## **Northern Parula *Parula americana* (0, 15, 1)**

**Scilly** St Agnes, first-winter, 10<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (R.Andrew, T.M.Melling, K.D.Shaw *et al.*) (*Brit. Birds* 89: plate 169).

The first since 1992. More than half of the records have been from Cornwall and Scilly.

## **Yellow Warbler *Dendroica petechia* (0, 3, 0)**

The first and second for Ireland (the fourth and fifth for Britain & Ireland) were reported in autumn 1995; details are still on circulation to the IRBC. There has still been no English record.

## **Chestnut-sided Warbler *Dendroica pensylvanica* (0, 1, 1)**

**Devon** Prawle Point, 18<sup>th</sup> October (A.S. & R.G.Brett, A.Dixon *et al.*).

Only the second record for Britain, the first having been on Fetlar, Shetland, on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1985.

## **Yellow-rumped Warbler *Dendroica coronata* (1, 19, 2)**

**Orkney** North Ronaldsay, first-winter, 13<sup>th</sup> October, photo. (S.D.Stansfield *et al.*).

**Scilly** Tresco, 12<sup>th</sup> October (Mrs E.G.Gynn *et al.*); present 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, photo.

The Orkney record was the first for that archipelago. Two individuals in two consecutive years and records in three consecutive years, following a five-year absence. Co. Cork, with seven, stays ahead of Scilly, with five.

## **Blackpoll Warbler *Dendroica striata* (0, 32, 2)**

**Cornwall** Kenidjack, 29<sup>th</sup> October (K.W.Regan, K.E.Vinicombe, Dr N.J.Watmough *et al.*).

**Scilly** St Agnes, 27<sup>th</sup> October to 6<sup>th</sup> November, photo. (S.G.Rowe, V.A.Stratton, D.F.Walsh *et al.*).

These records were on more usual dates than last year's winter record and made up part of a remarkable variety of Nearctic landbirds which reached Britain in 1995. A record of Bay-breasted Warbler *Dendroica castanea* is currently under consideration by the BOU Records Committee.

## **White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys* (0, 2, 1)**

**Merseyside** Seaforth, first-winter, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, photo. (C.J.Sharratt *et al.*).

The site suggests that ship assistance must be considered a possibility for the third British record. The previous records were on Fair Isle, Shetland, on 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May 1977 and at Hornsea Mere, Humberside, on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1977.

## **Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis* (1, 17, 0)**

**1972 Sussex, East Rye**, 12<sup>th</sup> February (R.K.Haggart, R.E.Smith).

This is the first to be discovered in February, though long-stayers at Church Crookham, Hampshire, in 1987-90 and at Portland, Dorset, in 1989/90 were both seen in February; there have been singles first found in November, December and January, but all the other 14 have been in April-May.

## **Pine Bunting *Emberiza leucocephalos* (2, 27, 3)**

**Lincolnshire** Gibraltar Point, male, 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> March, photo. (N.A.Lound, K.M.Wilson *et al.*).

**Norfolk** Hopton, male, 28<sup>th</sup> October, also in Suffolk (R.Fairhead, J.Oates, R.Wilton *et al.*).

**Orkney** North Ronaldsay, male, 17<sup>th</sup> June (S.D.Stansfield, Dr K.F.Woodbridge *et al.*).

**Suffolk** Corton, 28<sup>th</sup> October, same as Norfolk (R.Fairhead *et al.*).

Another good year, equalled in 1988 and exceeded only in 1987 and 1994. Hybrids with Yellowhammer *E.citrinella* can cause real problems: some can show all the characters of Pine Bunting, with the only Yellowhammer character being the presence of yellow tones in the fringes of the inner primaries. An apparent hybrid male showing yellow primary fringes was on Fair Isle, Shetland, on 29<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica* (34, 293, 13)**

**Humberside** Flamborough Head, female, 22<sup>nd</sup> April (D.Beaumont, P.A.Lassey, M.Newsome).

**Northumberland** Holy Island, 9<sup>th</sup> September (L.G.R.Evans, A.D.McLevy). Farne Islands, 1<sup>st</sup> October (S.J.McElwee, S.Paterson).

**Orkney** North Ronaldsay, three: male, 2<sup>nd</sup> June (J.H.Marchant *et al.*); male, 26<sup>th</sup> (P.J.Donnely, L.Scott); 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> September (S.D.Stansfield *et al.*).

**Scilly** St Mary's, 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October (C.D.R.Heard *et al.*).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, five: sex uncertain, 29<sup>th</sup> to at least 30<sup>th</sup> May (Dr R.Riddington *et al.*); male, 30<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June (J.Miller, B.Minshull, K.A.Wilson *et al.*); female, 31<sup>st</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June (J.Mallord, M.A.Newell *et al.*); 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> October (I.Barton *et al.*); 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> (M.A.Newell, A.Prior, Dr R.Riddington *et al.*). Out Skerries, 15<sup>th</sup> September (P.V.Harvey, J.D.Okill *et al.*).

An average showing.

## **Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla* (93, over 528, -)**

**1992 Staffordshire** Trentham, 8<sup>th</sup> November (S.Turner).

This species is no longer considered by the Committee.

## **Yellow-breasted Bunting *Emberiza aureola* (10, 163, 9)**

**Northumberland** Farne Islands, female or first-winter, 13<sup>th</sup> September (A.Baxter, A.Chown, C.Drake *et al.*).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, four females or first-winters: 6<sup>th</sup> September (M.A.Newell); two 8<sup>th</sup>, one to 10<sup>th</sup> (M.A.Newell, K.A.Wilson *et al.*); 10<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> (C.M.Hewson, K.A.Wilson *et al.*). Gletness, female or first-winter, 7<sup>th</sup> September (J.F. & Mrs D.R.Cooper *et al.*). Out Skerries, female or first-winter, 8<sup>th</sup> September (P.M.Ellis, P.Sclater, E.Tait). Foula, female or first-winter, 9<sup>th</sup> September (J.M. & T.P.Drew, N.Milligan, D.J.Rigby); female or first-winter, 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> (J.M. & T.P.Drew, D.J.Rigby).

**1994 Humberside** Spurn, female or first-winter, 15<sup>th</sup> September (G.E.Dobbs, C.Roberts, J.P.Siddle *et al.*).

A good total, but the record is ten in 1977. The additional 1994 record brings the total for that year to six.

## **Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza melanocephala* (9, 112, 2)**

**Dyfed** Fishguard, Pembrokeshire, male, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May, photo. (J.Cleal, J.W.Donovan *et al.*).

**Greater Manchester** Bolton, male, 14<sup>th</sup> June (P.A.Garnett).

**1994 Wight, Isle of** Brook Green, male, 7<sup>th</sup> September (Mrs M.C.Markin, the late Miss L.Turkentine *et al.*).

Distinguishing females and immatures from Red-headed Bunting *E.bruniceps* remains a problem, with some individuals not specifically identifiable in the field. Four additional 1995 reports are yet to be submitted.

## **Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus* (0, 23, 1)**

**Wight, Isle of** Ventnor, first-winter male, 30<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November (D.T.Biggs, J.M.Cheverton, S.Jones *et al.*).

The first since 1993.

## **Bobolink *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* (0, 17, 1)**

**Scilly** St Mary's, 20<sup>th</sup> October (J.Baker, B.Bland *et al.*).

The first record since 1992.

## Appendix 1. Category D species accepted (see Ibis 136: 253)

### Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber*

#### *P. r. roseus* (-, 7, 0)

**Essex** East Tilbury, 29<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May (A.J.Kane); same, Abberton Reservoir, 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July (per M.K.Dennis); same as 1994 Essex below. Also in Kent, Suffolk.

**Kent** Cliffe, since 1994, to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> August, photo. (P.Larkin *et al.*). Same as Essex.

**Suffolk** Minsmere, 27<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> July (G.R.Welch *et al.*). Same as Essex, Kent.

**1990 Lincolnshire** Witham Mouth, adult, 16<sup>th</sup> September, photo. (G.P.Catley, J.F.W.Knifton, A.C.Sims).

**1990 Norfolk** Breydon, immature, 6<sup>th</sup> October (Brit. Birds 88: 555), first noted 5<sup>th</sup> (J.Oates).

**1992 Avon** Chew Valley Lake, adult, 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> January (K.E.Vinicombe *et al.*).

**1994 Essex** Canvey Island, subadult, 17<sup>th</sup> October (J.Saward); same, East Tilbury, 9<sup>th</sup> November (A.J.Kane). Also in Kent.

**1994 Kent** Cliffe, subadult, 21<sup>st</sup> October to 1995 (P.Larkin *et al.*). Same as Essex.

Any past records firmly attributable to this race are still required.

### Falcated Duck *Anas falcata* (0, 12, 1)

**Lincolnshire** Kirkby on Bain, male, 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February, photo. (D.Jenkins *et al.*).

**1985 Nottinghamshire** Retford, male, 26<sup>th</sup> January, possibly since 13<sup>th</sup> (W.Simpson *et al.*).

In addition to the undocumented occurrences mentioned in the last Report (Brit. Birds 88: 555), it would appear that there were others in Suffolk in 1981, Cheshire in 1993 and Humberside in 1994. The Committee would welcome identification details of these in order to put them fully on record.

### Marbled Duck *Marmaronetta angustirostris* (0, 8, 0)

**1990 Leicestershire** Rutland Water, 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June (Brit. Birds 88: 555), dead 21<sup>st</sup> (per R.W.Bullock).

**1990 Northamptonshire** Stanwick Gravel-pits, 29<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July (R.W.Bullock, M.I.Piercy). Possibly same as Warwickshire.

**1990 Warwickshire** Kingsbury Water Park, 13<sup>th</sup> July to at least 19<sup>th</sup> August (Brit. Birds 88: 555).

**1990 Yorkshire, South** Potteric Carr, 14<sup>th</sup> September (Brit. Birds 87: 566-567), to 27<sup>th</sup> October (per M.R.Limbert).

**1992 Lincolnshire** Huttoft, 30<sup>th</sup> August (G.P.Catley).

## 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 'The ornithological year' or 'Recent reports' in British Birds if full details were unobtainable; or (d) certain escapes.

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; only in a very few cases were we satisfied that a mistake had been made.

**1995 Little Shearwater** Pendeen, Cornwall, 26<sup>th</sup> August; Bardsey, Gwynedd, 27<sup>th</sup> October. **Wilson's Storm-petrel** South of Carn-du, Cornwall, 7<sup>th</sup> October. **Great White Egret** Swale, Kent, 12<sup>th</sup> March; Pylewell Point, Hampshire, 15<sup>th</sup> April; Rame Head, Cornwall, 29<sup>th</sup> April; Porthgwarra, Cornwall, 26<sup>th</sup> June; Thornton Reservoir, Leicestershire, 24<sup>th</sup> July. **Black Stork** Bristol, Avon, 30<sup>th</sup> May; Great Baddow, Essex, 30<sup>th</sup> August. **American Wigeon** Penally, Dyfed, 16<sup>th</sup> November. **Black Kite** Blagdon, Northumberland, 6<sup>th</sup> April; Caister and Breydon, Norfolk, 24<sup>th</sup> April; Burnham Overy, Norfolk, 25<sup>th</sup> April; Stiffkey, Norfolk, 3<sup>rd</sup> May; South Walney, Cumbria, 4<sup>th</sup> May; Salcombe, Devon, 13<sup>th</sup> May; Stodmarsh, Kent, 14<sup>th</sup> May; Ravensworth Fell, Durham, two, 22<sup>nd</sup> May; Fulmodestone, Norfolk, 27<sup>th</sup> May; Butley, Suffolk, 24<sup>th</sup> June; Postcombe, Oxfordshire, 1<sup>st</sup> July; Eyemouth, Borders, 14<sup>th</sup> August; Atherton, Greater Manchester, 17<sup>th</sup> August; Glazebury, Greater Manchester, 10<sup>th</sup> September; Warrington, Greater Manchester, 11<sup>th</sup> September; Hope Carr, Greater Manchester, 16<sup>th</sup> September. **Pallid Harrier** Burwell, Cambridgeshire, 1<sup>st</sup> July. **Lesser Kestrel** Ramsey Island, Dyfed, 6<sup>th</sup> May. **Red-footed Falcon** Sandy, Bedfordshire, 9<sup>th</sup> May; Abberton Reservoir, Essex, 10<sup>th</sup> May; Stodmarsh, Kent, 14<sup>th</sup> May; Wimborne, Dorset, 17<sup>th</sup> May; Sanday, Orkney, 24<sup>th</sup> May; Sandwich, Kent, 25<sup>th</sup> May; Holkham, Norfolk, 2<sup>nd</sup> June; Capel Fleet, Kent, 15<sup>th</sup> June; Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex, 16<sup>th</sup> June; Old Hall Marshes, Essex, 23<sup>rd</sup> June; Bradwell, Essex, 23<sup>rd</sup> September; Broomhill Flash, South Yorkshire, 11<sup>th</sup> November. **Sora Crake** Lydiate Ash, Hereford & Worcester, 22<sup>nd</sup> September. **Black-winged Stilt** York, North Yorkshire, 10<sup>th</sup> March. **American Golden Plover** Frampton Fen, Lincolnshire, 14<sup>th</sup> August; Witham Mouth, Lincolnshire, 29<sup>th</sup> August. **Pacific Golden Plover** Endrick Mouth, Strathclyde, 6<sup>th</sup> August. **Semipalmated Sandpiper** Hickling, Norfolk, 25<sup>th</sup> July; Marshside, Merseyside, 10<sup>th</sup> September; Steart, Somerset, 5<sup>th</sup> November. **White-rumped Sandpiper** Dunster Beach, Somerset, 4<sup>th</sup> September. **Baird's Sandpiper** Cowpen Marsh, Cleveland, 29<sup>th</sup> June; Weir Wood Reservoir, West Sussex, 14<sup>th</sup> September. **Long-billed Dowitcher** Sunderland Point, Lancashire, 12<sup>th</sup> August. **Greater Yellowlegs** Stoke Lagoon, Kent, 4<sup>th</sup> May. **Terek Sandpiper** Camel Estuary, Cornwall, 4<sup>th</sup> May. **Bonaparte's Gull** Colwick, Nottinghamshire, 9<sup>th</sup> May. **Ross's Gull** Filey, North Yorkshire, 30<sup>th</sup> January; Oakenholt Marsh, Clwyd, 5<sup>th</sup> February; Flamborough Head, Humberside, 4<sup>th</sup> March; Marton Mere, Lancashire, 6<sup>th</sup> April. **Ivory Gull** Teignmouth, Devon, 1<sup>st</sup> March; Hunstanton, Norfolk, 1<sup>st</sup> October. **Gull-billed Tern** Chesil Beach, Dorset, 3<sup>rd</sup> May; Cley, Norfolk, 26<sup>th</sup> June; Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, 12<sup>th</sup> July; Thorness Bay, Isle of Wight, 12<sup>th</sup> August; Mundesley, Norfolk, 27<sup>th</sup> August; Covehithe, Suffolk, 28<sup>th</sup> September. **Whiskered Tern** Titchfield Haven, Hampshire, 2<sup>nd</sup> August. **Great Spotted Cuckoo** Bamburgh, Northumberland, 15<sup>th</sup> July. **Common Nighthawk** Crosby, Lancashire, 5<sup>th</sup> July. **Pallid Swift** St Martin's, Scilly, 10<sup>th</sup> October. **Alpine Swift** Minsmere, Suffolk, 5<sup>th</sup> April; Drift, Cornwall, 8<sup>th</sup> April; St David's, Dyfed, 8<sup>th</sup> April; Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, 8<sup>th</sup> May; Aldenham, Hertfordshire, three, 11<sup>th</sup> May; Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex, 19<sup>th</sup> May; Lodmoor, Dorset, 25<sup>th</sup> May. **Red-throated Pipit** Farne Islands, Northumberland, 16<sup>th</sup> September; Eye Brook Reservoir, Leicestershire, 21<sup>st</sup> September. **Citrine Wagtail** Sidlesham, West Sussex, 8<sup>th</sup> June; Elmley, Kent, 15<sup>th</sup> June; Musselburgh, Lothian, 4<sup>th</sup> September; Slapton, Devon, 5<sup>th</sup> September. **Rufous-tailed Scrub-robin** Near Fishguard, Dyfed, 18<sup>th</sup> October. **'Siberian' Common Stonechat** Flamborough Head, Humberside, 14<sup>th</sup> April; Dunwich Heath, Suffolk, 20<sup>th</sup> June. **Isabelline Wheatear** Lulworth, Dorset, 23<sup>rd</sup> September; Beachy Head, East Sussex, 12<sup>th</sup> October. **Black-eared Wheatear** Brentwood, Essex, 25<sup>th</sup> March; Larkhill, Wiltshire, 7<sup>th</sup> April. **Desert Wheatear** Cardigan, Dyfed, 19<sup>th</sup> May; Sandwich Bay, Kent, 15<sup>th</sup> October. **Rock Thrush** Milton, Cambridgeshire, 19<sup>th</sup> May. **Paddyfield Warbler** Lundy, Devon, 10<sup>th</sup> May. **Blyth's Reed Warbler** Stronsay, Orkney, 9<sup>th</sup> September; South Ronaldsay, Orkney, 17<sup>th</sup> September. **Booted Warbler** Lizard, Cornwall, 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October; Tresco, Scilly, 23<sup>rd</sup> October; West Cross, West Glamorgan, 13<sup>th</sup> November. **Subalpine Warbler** Lowestoft, Suffolk, 19<sup>th</sup> May; Flamborough Head, Humberside, 19<sup>th</sup> September. **Greenish Warbler** Dungeness, Kent, 19<sup>th</sup> June; Landguard, Suffolk, 20<sup>th</sup> August; Scolt Head, Norfolk, 8<sup>th</sup> September. **Arctic Warbler** Hirta, St Kilda, Western Isles, 20<sup>th</sup> September; Wick, Highland, 1<sup>st</sup> October. **Radde's Warbler** Spurn, Humberside, 29<sup>th</sup> October. **Dusky Warbler** Holkham Meals, Norfolk, 27<sup>th</sup> May; Isle of May, Fife, 5<sup>th</sup> June; Penlee Point, Cornwall, 3<sup>rd</sup> November. **Bonelli's Warbler** Parkhurst Forest, Isle of Wight, 20<sup>th</sup> August; near Canterbury, Kent, 3<sup>rd</sup> September; Aldeburgh, Suffolk, 10<sup>th</sup> September; Patcham, East Sussex, 3<sup>rd</sup> October; Exminster, Devon, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> October; Caerthillian, Cornwall, 8<sup>th</sup> October. **Collared Flycatcher** Hartland Moor, Dorset, 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> May; Whorlton, Durham, 1<sup>st</sup> June. **Short-toed Treecreeper** Elim, Anglesey, Gwynedd, 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> November. **Penduline Tit** Shibdon Pond, Durham, 6<sup>th</sup> August. **Nutcracker** Blackrod, Greater Manchester, 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> February; New Barnet, Hertfordshire, 24<sup>th</sup> February; Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, late May; Hindley, Greater

Manchester, 25<sup>th</sup> November. **Citril Finch** Newport, Isle of Wight, two, 3<sup>rd</sup> January. **Arctic Redpoll** Holt, Norfolk, 28<sup>th</sup> April; Fair Isle, Shetland, 12<sup>th</sup> November; Warham, Norfolk, 29<sup>th</sup> November; Attenborough, Nottinghamshire, 22<sup>nd</sup> December. **Two-barred Crossbill** Shanklin, Isle of Wight, 27<sup>th</sup> December. **Trumpeter Finch** Eastchurch, Kent, 6<sup>th</sup> August. **Rustic Bunting** Isle of May, Fife, 31<sup>st</sup> May.

**1994 White-billed Diver** Orphir, Orkney, 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> April. **Soft-plumaged Petrel** Flamborough Head, Humberside, 18<sup>th</sup> September. **Great White Egret** Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex, 16<sup>th</sup> September. **Brent Goose** *nigricans* Cley, Norfolk, 9<sup>th</sup> February; Pagham Harbour, West Sussex, 8<sup>th</sup> November. **Black Kite** Charlston Common, West Yorkshire, 18<sup>th</sup> May; Lackford, Suffolk, 20<sup>th</sup> May; Tremethick, Cornwall, 22<sup>nd</sup> May; Heald Green, Greater Manchester, 30<sup>th</sup> May; Brede, East Sussex, 2<sup>nd</sup> June; Rye, East Sussex, 5<sup>th</sup> June; Gazeley, Suffolk, 10<sup>th</sup> June; Hanningfield Reservoir, Essex, 23<sup>rd</sup> August. **Red-footed Falcon** Hanthorpe, Lincolnshire, 11<sup>th</sup> May. **American Golden Plover** Kingsbridge Estuary, Devon, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> May. **Marsh Sandpiper** Newport, Gwent, 14<sup>th</sup> September. **Bonaparte's Gull** Llyn Alaw, Anglesey, Gwynedd, 16<sup>th</sup> May. **Bridled Tern** Filey, North Yorkshire, 19<sup>th</sup> July. **Whiskered Tern** Cley, Norfolk, 11<sup>th</sup> June. **White-winged Black Tern** Leasowe, Merseyside, 28<sup>th</sup> August; Shoreham Harbour, West Sussex, 15<sup>th</sup> October. **Tengmalm's Owl** Kielder Forest, Northumberland, 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July. **Alpine Swift** Norwich, Norfolk, 22<sup>nd</sup> May. **Eastern Phoebe** Hirta, St Kilda, Western Isles, 12<sup>th</sup> May. **Red-rumped Swallow** St Mary's, Scilly, 11<sup>th</sup> October. **Olive-backed Pipit** St Mary's, Scilly, additional, 14<sup>th</sup> October. **Red-throated Pipit** Whitby, North Yorkshire, 22<sup>nd</sup> May; Atherfield, Isle of Wight, 17<sup>th</sup> October. **Citrine Wagtail** Upton Warren, Hereford & Worcester, 13<sup>th</sup> May. **Thrush Nightingale** Whalsay, Shetland, 12<sup>th</sup> May. **Siberian Thrush** Sea area Forties, 3<sup>rd</sup> November. **American Robin** Hirta, St Kilda, Western Isles, 31<sup>st</sup> October. **Grasshopper Warbler** *straminea* Red Rocks, Merseyside, 12<sup>th</sup> October. **Greenish Warbler** St Margaret's, Kent, 20<sup>th</sup> September. **Arctic Warbler** Start Point, Devon, 11<sup>th</sup> September. **Bonelli's Warbler** Porthgwarra, Cornwall, 23<sup>rd</sup> August; Moreton, Merseyside, 11<sup>th</sup> September. **Lesser Grey Shrike** Winlaton, Durham, 22<sup>nd</sup> November. **'Steppe' Great Grey Shrike** Breydon, Norfolk, 3<sup>rd</sup> November. **Rosy Starling** Liskeard, Cornwall, 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> October. **Rustic Bunting** Hanningfield Reservoir, Essex, 4<sup>th</sup> October.

**1993 Great White Egret** Butterstreet Cove, Dorset, 15<sup>th</sup> August. **Black Stork** Paignton, Devon, 25<sup>th</sup> August. **Black Kite** East Grinstead, West Sussex, 7<sup>th</sup> May. **Red-footed Falcon** Near Dunsop Bridge, Lancashire, 10<sup>th</sup> June. **Whiskered Tern** Needs Oar Point, Hampshire, two, 1<sup>st</sup> June. **Crag Martin** Rhuddlan, Gwynedd, 9<sup>th</sup> September. **Red-rumped Swallow** Flitcham, Norfolk, 26<sup>th</sup> April. **Arctic Warbler** Peterhead, Grampian, 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**1989 Ring-necked Duck** Rutland Water, Leicestershire, 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**1988 Sooty Tern** Farne Islands, Northumberland, 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> July.

**1986 Black-headed Bunting** Six Mile Bottom, Cambridgeshire, September.

**1985 White-rumped Sandpiper** Titchwell, Norfolk, 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**1969 Citrine Wagtail** Barcome Mills Reservoir, East Sussex, 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### Appendix 3. List of records not accepted but identification proved

This list provides a permanent record of those occurrences which, usually on the grounds of likely escape from captivity, find no place in any category, but which may, at some future date, merit further consideration. It does not include (a) any record of a species for which natural vagrancy is wholly unlikely, or (b) those records of presumed escapes already mentioned in the main text of this or earlier Reports. The decisions have been taken by this Committee unless otherwise shown.

**Pink-backed Pelican** *Pelecanus rufescens* Holkham, Norfolk, 25<sup>th</sup> February 1989; presumed same, Chapel St Leonard's, Lincolnshire, 26<sup>th</sup>; Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, 27<sup>th</sup> October 1990; Solway Estuary, Dumfries & Galloway, immature female, at least 4<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> August 1995; presumed same, Loch Ken, 18<sup>th</sup> December; moribund, Ringford, 23<sup>rd</sup>, now at National Museum of Scotland. **White-headed Duck** *Oxyura leucocephala* Abberton Reservoir, Essex, male, 2<sup>nd</sup> January to 4<sup>th</sup> November 1995; Eye Brook Reservoir, Leicestershire, first-winter female, 13<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September 1995; presumed same, Rutland Water, 10<sup>th</sup> October; Chew Valley Lake, Avon, male, 11<sup>th</sup> November to 25<sup>th</sup> December 1995. **Laughing Dove** *Streptopelia senegalensis* Keynsham, Avon, 25<sup>th</sup> June 1984. **Pallas's Rosefinch** *Carpodacus roseus* St Kilda, Western Isles, 29<sup>th</sup> May 1995. **Long-tailed Rosefinch** *Uragus sibiricus* Drums, Grampian, 4<sup>th</sup> May 1995.