



Report on Rare birds in Great Britain in 2000

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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 the 1998 report (92: 554-609). 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 or video-recorded (and this evidence assessed by the Committee); (5) if trapped or found dead and where specimen is stored, if known; (6) date(s); and (7) observer(s), in alphabetical order.
2. In general, this report is confined to records, which are regarded as certain, and 'probables' are not included. In the cases of the very similar American *Pluvialis dominica* and Pacific Golden Plovers *P.fulva*, Long-billed *Limnodromus scolopaceus* and Short-billed Dowitchers *L.griseus* and Eastern *Phylloscopus orientalis* and Western Bonelli's Warblers *P.bonelli*, however, we publish indeterminate records, and this also applies to those of pratincoles *Glareola*, albatrosses *Diomedea* and frigatebirds *Fregata* (but see Brit. Birds 94: 395).
3. The sequence of species, English names and scientific nomenclature follow the '*British Birds' List of Birds of the Western Palearctic* (1997).
4. The three numbers in parentheses after each species' name refer specifically to the total number of individuals recorded in Britain & Ireland (i) to the end of 1957, (ii) for the period since the formation of the Rarities Committee in 1958, but excluding (iii) those listed here for the current year. The decision as to how many individuals were involved is often difficult, but a consensus view is represented 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 a particular species recurring at the same or a nearby locality after a lapse of time. In considering claims of more than one individual at the same or adjacent localities, the Committee requires firm evidence before more than one is accepted.
5. Irish records, assessed and accepted by the Irish Rare Birds Committee (IRBC) or by the Northern Ireland Birdwatchers' Association (NIBA), are included separately, following the subheading IRELAND (but see Brit. Birds 94: 452-453)

White-billed Diver *Gavia adamsii* (18, 202, 4)

Argyll Loch Na Keal, Mull, first-summer, 21st May at least (G. & N.Greatholder, T.Owen).

Orkney Papa Westray, adult, 12th, 18th January (the late J.Mason). Rapness Sound, adult, 30th May (I.Dillon).

Shetland Near Kirkabister, Nesting, adult, 24th-25th April (P.V.Harvey *et al.*).

By recent standards, four in a year is a poor return. After last year's wide geographical spread of records, this species has reverted to type, with all records from the Northern and Western Isles.

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* (0, 37, 3)

Highland Loch Osaig, Alchiltibuie, Wester Ross, 24th-25th April, photo. (S.E.Edwards *et al.*).

Scilly St Agnes, first-winter, 25th October, seen killed by Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* (D.Page, N.Wheatley).

Yorkshire, North River Ure, North Stainley, 9th April (J.R.Mather); present 6th-21st, photo.

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1998 Cork Rostellan, since 10th October 1997, to 31st March (Brit. Birds 92: 557; Irish Birds 6: 287); presumed same, 29th June to 20th April 1999 (Irish Birds 6: 379).

More spring records, which are suggestive of northbound migrants; note also the departure dates of the two Irish records. In complete contrast, the unfortunate Scilly bird was apparently newly arrived and very tired, presumably after a long transatlantic flight. After stopping briefly for a rest on St Agnes it decided to fly on, which proved to be a mistake.

Black-browed Albatross *Diomedea melanophris* (2, 27, 0)

1999 At sea Sea area Plymouth, 16-22 km SW of Looe, Cornwall, immature, 19th, 22nd June, photo. (P.Dilling, S.Rendell *et al.*).

What else is lingering down there? This one was seen and photographed from a fishing boat, and record shots found their way into the national press. The fishermen reportedly believed that, together with the impending solar eclipse, it was a bad omen!

Madeira/Cape Verde Petrel *Pterodroma madeira/feae* (0, 38, 0)

1999 Northumberland St Mary's Island, 19th November (A.Curry, N.Dales, T.Watson); presumed same, Farne Islands, 19th (S.E.Duffield).

1999 Scilly About 5 km S of St Agnes, 31st August (R.L.Flood, P.K.Greaves, M.S.Scott *et al.*).

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1991 Cork Galley Head, 17th September (Irish Birds 6: 380).

1992 Cork Old Head of Kinsale, 4th August (Irish Birds 6: 380).

1996 Cork Galley Head, 27th July (Irish Birds 6: 380).

1998 Cork Cape Clear Island, 8th September (Irish Birds 6: 380).

1998 Waterford Helvick Head, 6th September (Irish Birds 6: 380).

This species (records are almost certainly of the rare *P.feae* rather than the vanishingly rare *P.madeira*) continues to be an enigma. The Northumberland record (or records) constitutes the latest in Great Britain by more than a month. The sightings were separated by a few hours and about 64 km; in both cases the bird flew north, but the one off the Farne Islands (which are farther north than St Mary's Island) was seen first. Although they are recorded here as 'presumed same', they may quite easily have been different birds. This illustrates not only the ability of seabirds to defy all logic, but also the difficulty BBRC has when trying to establish statistics for this mobile group. Yet another 1999 record is still under consideration, but 2000 was a blank year, the first since 1990.

Wilson's Storm-petrel *Oceanites oceanicus* (4, 348, 32)

Cornwall Pendeen, 17th August (W.Simpson) (Brit. Birds 94: 456 fig. 1).

Scilly About 5 km SW of Bishop Rock, 5th July, video. (A.Brown, R.L.Flood *et al.*). About 5 km SW of Bishop Rock, 12th July, photo. (E.A.Fisher *et al.*). About 5 km SW of Bishop Rock, three, 16th July, video, photo. (E.A.Fisher, R.L.Flood, N.Wheatley *et al.*). About 5 km SW of Bishop Rock, two, 17th July, photo. (E.A.Fisher *et al.*). About 3-5 km S of St Mary's, 28th August (P.A.Stancliffe *et al.*).

At sea Sea area Lundy, 51°31'N 05°41'W; about 41 km WSW of Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, two, 6th August, photo. (D.J.Astins, J.Bennett *et al.*).

At sea Sea area Sole, about 8 km S of St Mary's, Scilly, two, 25th June, video. (E.A.Fisher, R.L.Flood, A.Hicks *et al.*). About 8 km E of St Mary's, two, 2nd July (R.L.Flood *et al.*). About 13 km S of Gugh, Scilly, 18th July (E.A.Fisher *et al.*). About 7 km S of Gugh, two, 21st July, video., photo. (R.L.Flood, N.Lowton *et al.*). About 11 km S of Gugh, 25th July, video. (R.J.Hathway *et al.*). About 10 km S of St Mary's, 26th July (P.James). About 11 km S of Gugh, two, 28th July, video. (E.A.Fisher, R.L.Flood *et al.*). About 13 km SE of St Mary's, 30th July, video. (E.A.Fisher *et al.*). About 8 km S of St Mary's, two, 5th August (C.Atkins, C.Johnson, B.Richards *et al.*). About 7 km SW of Bishop Rock, 8th August, video. (E.A.Fisher *et al.*). About 12 km SSW of St Mary's, two, 12th August, video. (R.L.Flood, A.Jayne *et al.*). About 10 km S of St Mary's, two, 13th August (E.A.Fisher, R.L.Flood, A.Hicks *et al.*). About 12 km SE of St Mary's, 17th August, video. (J. & I.Miller, K.Webb). About 10-11 km S of Gugh, 19th August (R.L.Flood *et al.*).

1997 At sea Sea area Sole, about 10 km S of Scilly, at least one, 23rd August (R.L.Flood).

1998 At sea Sea area Sole, about 10 km S of Scilly, two, 28th August (R.L.Flood).

1999 At sea Sea area Sole, about 10 km S of Scilly, at least one, 24th August (R.L.Flood).

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1998 Kerry About 6 km W of Inishtearaght, two, 8th August (Irish Birds 6: 382).

This species is rapidly approaching the point where it is no longer a rarity. Although 32 is not a record total (more than 100 were recorded in 1988), this set of records is notable for the number seen quite close to land, and also for the length of the season. Previous records would suggest that this is an August speciality, but, with a group of persistent observers looking for, finding and documenting the species from June onwards, it is clear that it has a much longer summer season in the southwest.

Swinhoe's Storm-petrel *Oceanodroma monorhis* (0, 3, 1)

Northeast Scotland Cove, Aberdeen, female, trapped 5th August, photo. (P.A.A.Baxter, H.I.Scott *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 255).

It is easy to forget that the first three records of this species were all from the same site, and involved three different birds trapped during the course of two consecutive summers a decade ago. This is, therefore, the first record in the British Isles away from Tynemouth, although there are now several records from elsewhere in western Europe.

Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus* (150, 203, 1)

Kent Oare Marshes, male, 28th June (A.W.Swandale).

The second record for Kent in consecutive years, following a very long absence, is a return to form for the county.

Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* (165, 440, 8)

Bedfordshire Near Broom, first-summer, 14th-21st May (S.D.Northwood *et al.*).

Ceredigion Tregaron, adult, 26th April (R.G.Liford).

Cheshire Elton Hall Flash, first-summer, 2nd June (P. & H.Miller, I.Mumford *et al.*)

Dorset Stanpit Village, first-summer, 1st May (P.Morrison *et al.*).

Gloucestershire Slimbridge, adult, 12th April to 12th May, photo. (M.J.McGill *et al.* per G.R.Avery); presumed returning 1999 individual (Brit. Birds 93: 517). Ashleworth Ham, adult, 5th June (R.Mitchell); presumed same as Slimbridge.

Suffolk Walberswick, adult, 25th-30th March (R.Bassett, A.A.K.Lancaster).

Sussex, East Winchelsea Beach, adult, 15th April (P.M.Troake *et al.*). Brighton Marina area, first-summer, 12th May, photo. (K.B.Gillam, I.J.Whitcomb *et al.*).

Yorkshire, East Southfield Reservoirs, first-summer, 9th-13th May (C.Featherstone, R. & D.Priestley *et al.*).

1989 Essex Aldham, adult, 10th-15th May (N.M.Rayner).

1992 Fife Glenrothes, first-summer, 24th April to at least 16th May (D.E.Dickson *et al.*).

1999 Hampshire Alver Valley, Gosport, adult, 11th April (L.Marshall *et al.*).

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1998 Cork Clonakilty, two adults, 12th-26th April (Irish Birds 6: 382).

From January 2002, BBRC will no longer consider records of this species (see Brit. Birds 94: 290).

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* (95, 51, 1)

Sussex, East Pett Level, 10th June (D., S. & S.Brown *et al.*).

A typical spring overshoot.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* (2, 106, 4)

Dorset Lodmoor, 7th August (D.J.Chown, J.Stirling *et al.*); same, Abbotsbury, 7th (S.A.Groves *et al.*).

Lancashire & North Merseyside Martin Mere, since 4th December 1999, to 5th April, photo. (Brit. Birds 93: 519).

Norfolk Welney, 23rd-24th July (J.B.Kemp, D.Stevens).

Sussex, East Brighton Marina, 7th May (I.J.Whitcomb *et al.*); presumed same, Cuckmere Haven, 7th (M.J.Helps, P.James, A.R.Kitson *et al.*); presumed same, Rye Harbour, 16th-25th (P.M.Troake *et al.*). See also West Sussex below.

Sussex, West Henfield, 1st-12th January (A.R.Kitson *et al.*). Worthing, 7th May (P.Hall, Dr J.A.Newnham, D.I.Smith); also in East Sussex.

1998 Hampshire Winchester, 15th July (R.A.King).

A mixture of wintering birds, spring overshoots and summer wanderers.

Great White Egret *Egretta alba* (10, 115, 25)

Anglesey Llyn Alaw, Alaw and Braint Estuaries, 27th June to at least 14th August (R.Pritchard *et al.*), joined by colour-ringed individual, Llyn Alaw, 14th August (D.Wright *et al.*), both to 7th September, one or other to 29th (per S.Culley).

Argyll Loch An Eilann, Tiree, 18th May (A.J. & A.Leitch); presumed same, Loch Bhasapoll, Tiree, 18th June (F. & J.Dickson, A.J.Leitch).

Cambridgeshire Fen Drayton Gravel-pits and Nene Washes, 24th July (R.Allison, J.L.F.Parslow *et al.*); also in Norfolk, Suffolk.

Cleveland Coatham Marsh, 12th June (M.A.Blick, M.N.Sewell *et al.*); also in East and West Yorkshire.

Cornwall Drift Reservoir, 2nd-5th April (B.Dodd, G.Hobin). Hayle, two, 23rd September (D.Johnson, T.Whiley, L.P.Williams *et al.*); possibly same as Norfolk, 21st-22nd.

Devon Dawlish Warren, 31st May (K.Rylands); possibly same as Gloucestershire. Bowling Green Marsh, 23rd September (S.J.Lees); possibly one of Norfolk individuals, 21st-22nd.

Gloucestershire Ashleworth Ham, 1st-6th June, photo. (A.Jayne, M.R.Smith *et al.*); possibly same as Devon, 31st May.

Greater London Kempton Park, 7th October (K.L.Purdey).

Kent Bough Beech Reservoir, 2nd September (N.A.Driver *et al.*); possibly same as East Sussex, 30th July. Dungeness, 22nd October (N.Brooks); presumed same, Walland Marsh, 25th-28th (B.Chambers *et al.*). Newenden, 15th December (P.M.Troake *et al.*); present 13th-16th.

Norfolk Welney, 26th-30th July, photo. (J.B.Kemp, D.Stevens *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 260); same as Cambridgeshire, also in Suffolk. Strumpshaw Fen, two, 21st-22nd September (M.S.Smith *et al.*); possibly same as Cornwall, 23rd.

Northeast Scotland Loch of Strathbeg, 7th June (P.F.Baker, P.A.A.Baxter *et al.*).

Northumberland Longhirst Flash, 22nd-23rd May, photo. (I.Fisher, S.Taylor *et al.*); possibly same as East Yorkshire, 19th.

Somerset Meare Heath, 16th August (J.A.Hazell).

Staffordshire/Warwickshire Alvecote Pools, 21st May (A.Archer).

Suffolk Minsmere, 31st July to at least 6th November, photo. (G.R.Welch *et al.*); presumed same as Cambridgeshire, Norfolk.

Sussex, East Icklesham, 30th July (S.J.R.Rumsey, T.Squire); possibly same as Kent, 2nd September. Cuckmere Haven, 21st, 23rd October (J.Curson, G.Gowlett *et al.*). Brighton Marina, 9th November (K.B.Gillam).

Yorkshire, East Tunstall, 19th May (G.E.Dobbs, T.Isherwood *et al.*); possibly also in Northumberland. Brough Haven and Welton Waters, 11th June (E.J.Hediger, R.Lyon); also in West Yorkshire; presumed same as Cleveland.

Yorkshire, West Astley Lake, 11th June (P.R.Morris); same as East Yorkshire, 11th, above.

1999 Dorset Radipole, 5th October (Brit. Birds 93: 519), was colour-ringed individual, also in Wiltshire, Worcestershire.

1999 Wiltshire Britford, intermittently, 3rd-22nd September, photo. (M.Heaven, R.F.Blamey *et al.*); colour-ringed individual, also in Dorset, Worcestershire.

1999 Worcestershire Westwood Great Pool, 11th-12th September (Brit. Birds 93: 519), colour-ringed individual, same as Dorset, Wiltshire.

1999 Yorkshire, South Broomhill Flash, 17th April (J.H.Goddard, J.O'Malley, D.M.Waddington *et al.*).

1999 Yorkshire, West Beal Carrs, 29th June (J.Cook).

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1998 Galway Rahasane Turlough, 1st-3rd May (Irish Birds 6: 383).

1998 Wicklow Roundwood, since 29th November 1997, to 22nd February (Brit. Birds 92: 560; Irish Birds 6: 291).

The steady rise in records of this species continues, and the 25 in 2000 constitute a new record total by a comfortable margin. Although we are able to untangle some multiple records, such as the 1999 Wiltshire/Worcestershire/Dorset bird documented above, the potential for overlap with so many records is, however, a headache, and, in all honesty, sorting this out is now a matter of educated guesswork. It is also worth noting that many descriptions of this species received by BBRC are rather less convincing than one might expect for an enormous white bird. In particular, the possibility of incorrect size estimation of a poorly seen Little Egret *E.garzetta* is taken very seriously.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* (many, 78, 1)

Northeast Scotland Cruden Bay, 7th January, photo. (C.Hutchinson); presumed same as Orkney.

Orkney Papa Westray, 5th-6th January (A.Houlston, J.Mason).

The first since 1997, this remains a very rare bird. Although mid-winter records would seem to be unlikely for a trans-Saharan migrant, they are by no means unprecedented.

Lesser White-fronted Goose *Anser erythropus* (47, 89, 0)

Dumfries & Galloway Mersehead, 27th January (S.Bearhop, M.A.Newell, S.C.Votier *et al.*); present 11th-27th.

This individual had been ringed as a gosling in Swedish Lapland, where a reintroduction scheme is underway. It was consorting with wintering Barnacle Geese *Branta leucopsis*, even though these Solway birds are presumed to breed in Svalbard, some way from Swedish Lapland. We know where it came from, but not how it arrived in Scotland. Since it came from a reintroduced population, it does not appear in the BBRC statistics.

Brent Goose *Branta bernicla*

North American and E Siberian race *B. b. nigricans* (1, 114, 14)

Essex Tollesbury, 19th February (A.W.Shearring). South Woodham Ferrers, 25th February (A.W.Shearring); 30th December to 2001 (A.W.Shearring *et al.*).

Hampshire See 1999 Hampshire below.

Kent Motney Hill, 1st-2nd October (C.G.Bradshaw, N.F.Willis).

Lincolnshire Holbeach Marsh, 26th March (A.H.J.Harrop). Cleethorpes area, 9th November to at least January 2001, two, 18th November, photo. (D.Hursthouse, P.Palmer, T.Rogers *et al.*).

Norfolk Cley, Salthouse and Kelling area, two, 5th to at least 6th January (R.B. & S.C.Votier *et al.*); present since December 1999 to at least 19th February, photo. Cley, two, 29th December to 2001 (S.C.Votier *et al.*). Scolt Head/Brancaster Harbour, 15th to at least 31st October (N.M.Lawton *et al.*). Titchwell, 2nd January to 6th April (D.Miller *et al.*); presumed returning 1999 individual (Brit. Birds 93: 520). Lynn Point, 29th October (A.D.Collins); presumed returning individual of 24th January 1999 (Brit. Birds 93: 520).

Suffolk Falkenham Marshes, 8th, 26th December (P.Broad, J.H.Grant *et al.*). Kirton Marshes, 22nd December (M.G.Ferris).

Sussex, West West Wittering, 17th-22nd January, probably since 13th (B.F.Forbes, D.I.Smith, E.D.Urquhart *et al.*); possibly same as Pilsey Island, 8th October to 4th November 1999 (Brit. Birds 93: 520).

1999 Essex Rainham Marsh, 13th November (K.Barrett, K.Noble, B.E.Wright); same as Dartford Marsh, Kent, 13th (Brit. Birds 93: 519).

1999 Hampshire Farlington Marshes, 13th November to 18th February 2000, photo. (J.Crook *et al.*).

1999 Norfolk Burnham Deepdale, 13th December (T.C.Lowe); presumed same as Holkham Marsh, 20th-23rd November (Brit. Birds 93: 520). Cley, Salthouse and Kelling area, see Norfolk above.

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Down The Maltings, Strangford Lough, 28th October to 5th November (per NIBA).

1998 Wexford Tacumshin, 31st January; same, Rosslare Backstrand, early April to 18th April (Irish Birds 6: 384).

Another big year for this usually distinctive race. Taxonomic uncertainties and the presence of non-typical birds showing some, but not all, of the features of *B.b.nigricans* continue to be a problem. One such record in Norfolk in 1998, which was referred to in last year's report as a bird showing a reduced neck-band, is now considered to be unacceptable (J.Martin, Brit. Birds in prep.). Such birds are difficult to deal with, but, in order to try to establish a degree of consistency, our approach is usually to accept only those individuals showing the full suite of identification features. It is possible that some intermediate-looking birds may, in fact, have a perfect pedigree for *nigricans*, but BBRC will generally err on the side of caution when dealing with races, such as this, where intergrades are possible. As with a number of the larger, more common and long-staying rarities, it can also be difficult to establish with certainty the real number of individuals involved.

Red-breasted Goose *Branta ruficollis* (15, 40, 6)

Hampshire Lepe, adult, 24th-26th September (D.H.Taylor *et al.*); same, Langstone Harbour, 26th (J.Crook).

Moray & Nairn Near Kinloss, 21st-31st October (R.F.Hewitt *et al.*).

Norfolk Wells and Holkham, first-winter, 27th January to 25th March, photo. (J.V.Bhalerao *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 92). Egmore and West Barsham area, adult, 27th December to 2001, photo. (A.I.Bloomfield, J.R.McCallum, Miss E.Russell *et al.*).

Suffolk Landguard, age uncertain, 17th January (N.Odin); possibly same as Southwold below. Southwold, adult, 7th-15th January, photo. (B.J.Small *et al.*); same, Lound, 20th-21st (A.Easton *et al.*).

1978 Kent Westbere/Sturry, 21st-23rd October (Brit. Birds 72: 513), now considered probably of captive origin.

1998 Cleveland Dorman's Pool, 7th January (Brit. Birds 92: 563), now considered same as Tophill Low and Nosterfield, East Yorkshire (Brit. Birds 93: 520), and probably of captive origin.

Not usually a taxing identification problem, the key issue with this species is more often assessing the origin of those reported. The suggestion that the bird in Kent in 1978 was probably of captive origin was only recently put to this committee by the Kent Ornithological Society. We often rely heavily on local knowledge for guidance in such cases. Notwithstanding these comments, Red-breasted Goose is always a superb creature, wherever it comes from.

American Wigeon *Anas americana* (22, 394, 29)

Angus & Dundee Montrose Basin, male, intermittently, 12th February to 23rd March (H.Bell, R.D.Goater, B.Hershell *et al.*); returning 1999 individual, see 1999 Angus & Dundee below.

Argyll Add Estuary, male, 30th April (J.Dickson); presumed same, Loch Craignish, at least 8th October (F. & J.Dickson), and Add Estuary/Loch Crinan area, 27th (J.Halliday per P.Daw); presumed returning 1998 Loch Craignish individual (Brit. Birds 92: 563).

Caernarfonshire Foryd Bay, male, intermittently, 22nd August to 22nd October, photo. (S.Hughes-Roberts *et al.*); presumed same, Conwy, 23rd-26th August (I.Higginson *et al.*); presumed returning individual (Brit. Birds 93: 520).

Caernarfonshire/Meirionnydd Porthmadog area, male, 21st August to 15th September, photo. (E.Lewis *et al.*).

Ceredigion See 1999 Ceredigion below.

Cleveland Cowpen Marsh and Saltholme Pools, female, 6th-7th May (R.C.Taylor *et al.*).

Cornwall Hayle, male, since 21st October 1999 to 23rd March, photo. (Brit. Birds 93: 520).

Cumbria Bowness-on-Solway, male, 9th-10th November (D.G.H. & M.West *et al.*).

Devon Roadford Reservoir, male, 15th September (J.Tidball).

Gloucestershire Slimbridge, male, 27th December (D.B.Paynter *et al.*).

Kent Elmley, female, 20th April to 4th May, paired with male Eurasian Wigeon *A.penelope* (J.A.Rowlands *et al.*).

Lancashire & North Merseyside Leighton Moss, male, 8th May, photo. (S.J.Dodgson, K.Kellett); presumed same, Marshside Marsh, 9th-15th (P.Colborn *et al.*).

Lincolnshire Marston, male, 6th- 7th April, photo. (A.C.Lees *et al.*).

Moray & Nairn Lossie Estuary, male, since 24th December 1999 to 6th March; presumed same, 11th November to 2001; returning individual of 20th January 1999 (Brit. Birds 93: 521) (R.Proctor *et al.*).

Norfolk Berney Marshes, male, 30th September (P.R.Allard, J.R.Rowe); presumed same as 1999 (Brit. Birds 93: 521).

Northeast Scotland Slains Pools and Meikle Loch, male, 9th October to 1st November (P.Shepherd *et al.*).

Northumberland Druridge Bay, first-summer male, intermittently, 7th-17th May, photo. (Brit. Birds 94: plate 256); same, Hauxley, 10th, 20th; same, Cresswell Pond, 27th May to 18th June (I.Fisher, M.Scott *et al.*); presumed same, 24th September (M.S.Hodgson per I.Fisher).

Orkney Backsskaill Loch, Papa Westray, male, 25th April (J.Davidson, the late J.Mason, R.Rendall). Loch of Tankerness and Mill Sound, male, since 11th November 1999 to 6th March (Brit. Birds 93: 522). Loch of Suckquoy, male, since 24th November 1999 to 21st March (Brit. Birds 93: 522).

Outer Hebrides Ardmore and Loch Bee area, South Uist, male, 10th October to at least 12th February 2001 (B.Rabbitts, A.Stevenson *et al.*).

Shetland Brow Marsh and Loch of Brow, male, 3rd-7th May (Dr R.Riddington *et al.*). Loch of Troswickness, Dunrossness, male, 30th May (M.Mellor, H.C.Towll); possibly same as Loch of Brow. Loch of Spiggie, male, 16th-17th September (P.V.Harvey, Dr R.Riddington *et al.*). Loch of Hillwell, ten: four males, two females, two first-winter males, two first-winter females, 9th October, nine until 10th, eight to 14th, four to 16th, three to 28th, when joined by additional first-winter male; four present to 5th November, then three to end of year; also seen at Loch of Spiggie and Scatness (P.M.Ellis *et al.*).

Somerset Sutton Bingham Reservoir, male, 4th February to 19th March, photo. (M.A.Hallet, B.J.Matthews, B.J.Widden *et al.*).

Suffolk Minsmere, first-winter male, 10th January to 17th April (M.L.Cornish, D.Fairhurst *et al.*).

1998 Oxfordshire Otmoor, female, 23rd February (J.S.Baker).

1998 Yorkshire, South Bawtry, male, 5th April (J.Wozencroft); same as Idle Stop, Nottinghamshire, 8th March to 17th April (Brit. Birds 92: 563).

1999 Angus & Dundee Montrose Basin, male, 3rd-16th January; possibly same, 26th September to 7th October (Brit. Birds 93: 520), now presumed same. See also Angus & Dundee above.

1999 Ceredigion Tregaron, male, 25th December to 17th March 2000 (H.A.Williams *et al.*).

1999 Cheshire Inner Marsh Farm, male, 7th to at least 23rd May (M.R.Miles *et al.*).

1999 Dorset The Fleet, male, 7th October to at least 14th November (S.A.Groves *et al.*); presumed returning 1999 individual (Brit. Birds 93: 520).

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Down Hillsborough Lake, male, 26th February to 17th March (per NIBA).

1998 Cork Rostellan, first-winter male, 9th February to 30th March. Douglas Estuary, first-winter male, 22nd February to 30th March. Ballycotton, male, 13th November to 12th December. (Irish Birds 6: 384)

1998 Donegal Blanket Nook, male, 14th-15th November, presumed returning individual. Castlewray, male, 14th November. (Irish Birds 6: 384)

1998 Galway Rostaff, male, 5th-10th April (Irish Birds 6: 384).

1998 Wexford Tacumshin, male, 8th-11th February. North Slob, male, 1st-28th November, presumed returning individual. (Irish Birds 6: 384)

1998 Wicklow Broadlough, male, since 21st December 1997 to 16th January (Brit. Birds 92: 564; Irish Birds 6: 292); same, Newcastle, 17th-18th January. Broadlough, male, 5th December to 21st January 1999. (Irish Birds 6: 384)

The persistently strong showing, continued in 2000, particularly with the flock of ten in Shetland in October, demonstrates why, from 1st January 2002, this species will no longer be considered by BBRC (see Brit. Birds 94: 290).

Black Duck *Anas rubripes* (1, 29, 1)

Cornwall Stithians Reservoir, male, since 4th October 1999 (Brit. Birds 93: plate 73, 522), intermittently to end of year, photo. (per K.A.Wilson); same, Loe Pool, 1st September (D.Wood). Hannafore Point, Looe, male, 29th May to 4th June (D.Clegg *et al.*); same as 1999 below. Colliford Reservoir, male, 7th February (per K.A.Wilson); same as 1999 below.

Devon Slapton Ley, first-winter male, intermittently to 26th March; same, Beesands Ley, 26th-27th February (R.Normand *et al.*); same as Bowcombe Creek, Kingsbridge Estuary, 29th October to 8th November 1999 (Brit. Birds 93: 522).

Scilly Tresco, male, 2nd December to at least 25th February 2001, photo., found dead, 17th March (R.L.Flood *et al.*).

1999 Cornwall Hannafore Point, Looe, male, 23rd May to 4th July, photo. (M.K.Ahmad *et al.*); presumed same as Colliford Reservoir. Colliford Reservoir, male, 17th-21st January, intermittently to 16th February, 29th October to 29th November (Brit. Birds 93: 522), full autumn dates 7th July to at least 31st December.

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1998 Kerry Barrow Harbour, male, 16th August to 5th December, presumed returning 1997 individual (Brit. Birds 92: 231; Irish Birds 6: 385).

1998 Wexford Tacumshin, male, 15th-16th November (Irish Birds 6: 385).

The presence of long-staying individuals and possible hybrids is beginning to cloud the true status of this species in Britain. One record, that of a well-watched female in Highland, illustrates the potential problems. This individual showed some orange on the bill, and expert advice from North America stated that this is a strong indicator of some degree of hybridisation. We have not accepted this individual, which otherwise appeared to be a strong contender for a genuine record. Similar problems occur in Cornwall, where the number of records of apparently pure-bred birds is difficult enough to establish without the additional problem of identifying hybrids.

Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors* (19, 236, 9)

Carmarthenshire Penclacwydd, female, 12th-26th March (S.L. & P.R.Murray, R.H.A.Taylor *et al.*).

Cumbria Walney Island, male, 1st July (C.Raven *et al.*).

Essex Hanningfield Reservoir, male, since 9th September 1999 (Brit. Birds 93: 522), to 22nd January.

Hertfordshire Wilstone Reservoir, male, 17th February (R.Hiller).

Norfolk King's Fen, male, 3rd-16th May (P.J.Heath, A.J.Kane). Titchwell, male, 4th-10th July, 9th-19th August, photo. (J.V.Bhalerao *et al.*). Cley, male, 19th August to 5th September, photo. (V.J.Hanlon, A.Palmer *et al.*).

Nottinghamshire Lound, male, 26th-28th April, photo., (P.Palmer *et al.*); presumed same as East Yorkshire below.

Scilly Tresco, first-winter male, 16th October (D.Page *et al.*); present 10th-27th, photo.

Staffordshire Blithfield Reservoir, male, 6th August to 8th September (A.Buton, E.S.Clare *et al.*).

Yorkshire, East Saltmarsh Delph, male, 1st May, photo. (B.H.Greenacre *et al.*); also in Nottinghamshire.

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1998 Donegal New Lough, Dunfanaghy, male, 15th October to 17th November (Irish Birds 6: 385).

1998 Wexford Tacumshin, male, female, 31st January to 12th February; male, 21st September to 4th November (Irish Birds 6: 385).

In Norfolk, the Titchwell and Cley birds differed in that the latter had half of its right leg missing.

Canvasback *Aythya valisineria* (0, 2, 2)

Cornwall Par Beach Pool, male, 19th April (S.M.Christophers).

Essex Abberton Reservoir, male, 12th November to 13th February 2001 (A.Kettle *et al.*); presumed returning individual last noted 15th February 2000 (Brit. Birds 93: 523).

Kent Lade, Dungeness, male, 29th January intermittently to 14th March, photo. (C.Gibbard *et al.*); presumed same, 18th November to 2001, photo. (J.E.Tilbrook *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 96).

1999 Kent Monks' Wall, male, 28th May (G.J.A.Burton, F.Solly *et al.*).

The male in Essex was back again, seemingly different from the one in Kent. The short-staying male on the Cornish coast was a real surprise, though.

Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* (-, 247, 14)

Avon Chew Valley Lake, female, 22nd March to 15th April; presumed same, 23rd June to 10th July (R.M.Andrews, J.P.Martin *et al.*).

Berkshire Burghfield Gravel-pits, female, 9th January (T.G.Ball), presumed same as 1999 Berkshire below; male, 29th December and in 2001 (C.D.R.Heard *et al.*).

Cambridgeshire Fen Drayton Gravel-pits, male, 10th December (Dr M.G.Telfer *et al.*); same, intermittently, 23rd December to 1st January 2001; presumed same as 1999 Cambridgeshire bird below and Welney, Norfolk, below.

Dorset Morden Lake, male, since 20th December 1999 (Brit. Birds 93: 523), to 13th February, returning 23rd November to at least 23rd December; also at Lulworth Lake, 27th-28th September (per S.Robson).

Essex Abberton Reservoir, male, 17th October (R.Allen, G.Bond, D.Rhymes).

Greater London Kempton Park, male, 22nd May (A.Quinn).

Greater Manchester Chorlton Water Park, female, 14th November (P.L.Hines *et al.*).

Hampshire Allington Gravel-pits, male, 19th March to 1st April (M.L.Edgeller, D.J.Unsworth).

Lancashire & North Merseyside Marton Mere, male, 14th-24th November, photo. (M.Jones, D.J.McGrath, L.J.Ryan *et al.*); same, Fairhaven Marine Lake, 27th November to 2001, photo. (Dr F.Lee *et al.*).

Norfolk Hickling, male, 23rd April (P.J.Heath, A.J.Kane). Welney, male, intermittently, 18th-30th September, 14th-19th October (J.B.Kemp, C.Mitchell *et al.*); presumed same as Cambridgeshire above.

Somerset Ham Wall, female, since 21st November 1999 (Brit. Birds 93: 523), to 6th March, returning 14th November to 2001 (per B.D.Gibbs).

Suffolk Minsmere, male, 26th-31st January (R.Drew *et al.*).

Sussex, East Rye Harbour, first-winter male, 1st, 26th November to 2001 (P.M.Troake *et al.*).

Wiltshire Corsham Lake, male, 16th-18th November (J.C.Rolls *et al.*).

1999 Bedfordshire Priory Country Park, first-winter male, since 19th November 1998 to 28th February, photo.; female, since 15th December 1998 to 1st March, photo. (D.Kramer, D.J.Odell *et al.*).

1999 Berkshire Burghfield Gravel-pits, first-winter female, 28th-29th December (C.D.R.Heard, K.E.Moore *et al.*).

1999 Cambridgeshire Mepal, Ouse Washes, first-winter male, 16th January to 8th February (J.Oates *et al.*); first recorded Block Fen Gravel-pits, 19th December 1998, Mepal, 20th December 1998.

1999 Hampshire Timsbury Gravel-pits, male, 14th November, photo. (D.Philpott); presumed returning first-winter male of 8th December 1998 to 14th February (Brit. Birds 93: 523); female, 14th November to 26th December, photo. (D.Philpott, D.A.Thelwell).

1999 Hertfordshire Cheshunt South Reservoir, female, 1st March (G.White).

1999 Kent Seaton Gravel-pits, male, 10th-16th January (N.V.McCanch, B.A.Ryan *et al.*).

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Down Lough Money, first-winter male, 24th December to 14th January 2001 (per NIBA).

Despite the potential for considerable identification difficulties with this species, the acceptance rate is pleasingly high because observers, quite rightly, pay attention to detail. We are aware of another five or so records which remain to be submitted.

Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis* (0, 45, 6)

Avon Blagdon Lake, first-winter male, 22nd April to 7th May, photo. (N.Milbourne *et al.*); female, 22nd October (R.Mielcarek, N.Milbourne, P.Vowles *et al.*).

Cambridgeshire Fen Drayton Gravel-pits, first-winter/first-summer female, 24th April to 6th May (J.Oates *et al.*).

Cornwall Drift Reservoir, first-winter male, since 22nd November 1999 (Brit. Birds 93: 524), to 21st March, photo. (Brit. Birds 93: plate 125).

Leicestershire Rutland Water, female, 8th-23rd April (M.G.Berriman, R.M.Fray *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: 465 fig. 2).

Orkney Loch of Harray, female, 20th February to 30th March (I.Dillon, K.Fairclough, E.R.Meek).

1998 Argyll Ardnave Loch, Islay, first-winter female, 6th November to 9th December (Brit. Birds 92: 566), presumed same, Loch Gruinart, Islay, 15th December (C.R.McKay per P.Daw); same, Ardnave Loch, to 9th January 1999 (per P.Daw).

1999 Argyll See 1998 Argyll above.

1999 Cambridgeshire St Ives, male, female, 7th March to 10th April, probably since 29th January (Brit. Birds 93: 523); same, Ouse Washes, intermittently 22nd March to 10th April (P.French *et al.*).

1999 Cornwall Loe Pool, first-winter male, 15th-24th October (A.Blunden, C.D.R.Heard, J.Young *et al.*); presumed same as Drift Reservoir.

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Antrim Stoneyford Reservoir, female, 12th December (per NIBA).

1998 Kerry Lough Gill, male, 22nd February; presumed returning 1996 individual (Brit. Birds 91: 468; Irish Birds 6: 69, 385).

1998 Wexford North Slob, first-winter female, 25th January to 13th March (Irish Birds 6: 386).

Some of these records may refer to birds that arrived in the previous year, or even earlier, and are now resident on this side of the Atlantic.

King Eider *Somateria spectabilis* (62, 103, 5)

Argyll North Ledaig, male, 8th April to 1st May (J.Coombs *et al.*).

Cornwall Marazion and Penzance, first-winter female, 3rd January to 6th April, photo. (S.M.Christophers *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 257; 93: plate 144).

Fife Tayport, male, 24th January (J.Sykes per D.E.Dickson); same, Lucky Scalp, 6th February (D.E.Dickson), 15th November (K.D.Shaw per D.E.Dickson); presumed same as 1999 (Brit. Birds 93: 524). Leven, female, 19th July to 20th August (J.Sykes *et al.* per D.E.Dickson); presumed same as 1999 (Brit. Birds 93: 524).

Moray & Nairn Spey Bay, male, 21st April to 20th May (M.J.H.Cook *et al.*); possibly same as Kingston, 19th April 1998 (Brit. Birds 93: 525).

Northeast Scotland Ythan Estuary, male, 2nd March to 30th September, photo. (A.W.Thorpe *et al.*); presumed same as 1999 (Brit. Birds 93: 524-525).

Shetland Eswick, first-winter male, 23rd February (M.Heubeck, M.Mellor, Dr J.W.G.Wills); presumed same, as first-summer, Catfirth, 24th April to at least 18th June (P.V.Harvey *et al.*); presumed same, Rova Head, Lerwick, 2nd August to 16th September (J.D.Okill, K.Osborn, I.Sandison *et al.*). Sullom Voe, second-winter male, 14th November (P.V.Harvey, M.Heubeck, Dr J.W.G.Wills).

A better year than 1999, with several new arrivals.

Steller's Eider *Polysticta stelleri* (5, 9, 1)

Moray & Nairn Hopeman, female, 16th-18th November, photo. (D.M.Pullan *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 27).

It has been a very long time since the last Steller's Eider. Following the demise of the long-staying male on the Outer Hebrides back in 1984, the closest we have come was a single wing found on the tideline in Shetland. There are two previous records of females, and one of a female/first-year male.

Common Scoter *Melanitta nigra*

North American and E Siberian race *M. n. americana* (0, 6, 0)

1999 Caernarfonshire Llanfairfechan, male, 10th March to 8th May, photo. (A.Davies *et al.*).

The first for some years.

Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola* (2, 7, 0)

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1998 Cork The Gearagh, female, 18th January to 8th March (Irish Birds 6: 386).

The first substantiated record for Ireland.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans* (5, 289, 8)

Cornwall Nanjizal, 21st July (J.D.Swann, K.A.Wilson). Nanjizal area and other localities, 23rd August to 7th September, photo., wearing metal ring of unknown origin (I.M. & K.A.Wilson *et al.*).

Kent Stodmarsh, 8th May (C.D.Abrams *et al.*); possibly same, St Margaret's, 8th (P.Wells); possibly same, Dungeness area, 9th, photo. (S.P.Clancy *et al.*).

Sussex, East Hollingdean, Brighton, 16th June (I.J.Whitcomb).

Wiltshire Near Everleigh, adult, 18th-24th July, photo., unidentified wire or fibre on each leg; juvenile, 18th-22nd July, photo. (M.G.Prior *et al.*).

1999 Hampshire Dunberry Hill, Whitsbury, juvenile, 31st August (M.Rafter *et al.*); same, near Rockbourne, 9th September (M.S.Wallen); present in general area, 26th August to 10th September, photo.; presumed same as Redlynch, Wiltshire, 20th August (Brit. Birds 93: 526).

1999 Lancashire & North Merseyside Lune Estuary, 19th June (Brit. Birds 93: 526), correct observer was J.Carter.

1999 Wiltshire South of Wick Down, 4th September (N.Pleass per R.Turner); same, north of Whitsbury, 9th September (J.Pollard per R.Turner); same as 1999 Hampshire above.

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1989 Wexford Duncormick, 21st June (Irish Birds 6: 387).

For the second consecutive summer, long-staying individuals have appeared in the north Hampshire/south Wiltshire area. In 2000, it was an adult with some unknown appendage attached to its legs and which was subsequently joined by a rather smart juvenile. All of this, in combination with another long-stayer carrying a ring in Cornwall, may arouse some suspicion about the origin of certain individuals.

Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus* (0,0,0)

The old record of two over Ashbourne, Derbyshire, has now been reviewed and considered unacceptable by BOURC, and so this species is removed from category B of the British List. One, probably a second-calendar-year individual, was seen and identified on Guernsey; at La Grande Mare, Pleinmont, and La Prevôte, on 24th-27th August, the first for the Channel Islands; also seen at Herm on 27th August, it was first noted on Sark, on 22nd-23rd August. Records from the Channel Islands are not counted in the British statistics, hence the unusual row of zeros above. The sighting of a flock on the coast of the Netherlands in 2001 emphasises that this species is getting ever closer.

Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus* (100, 617, 15)

Cambridgeshire Fen Drayton Gravel-pits, first-summer female, 1st-16th July, photo. (P.Andrews *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 257).

Cleveland Hargreaves Quarry, female, age uncertain, 9th-10th June (J.B.Dunnett *et al.*).

Derbyshire Crowden, female, 29th June to 2nd July, photo. (R.Adderley, A.Robinson, W.M.Underwood *et al.*).

Hampshire Needs Ore Point, female, age uncertain, 9th May (M.Rafter). Beaulieu Road, New Forest, female, 21st May to 13th June (B.F.Forbes, D.I.Smith *et al.*). Near Alton, female, age uncertain, 16th June (J.Eyre, L.Selwyn).

Kent Stodmarsh, female, age uncertain, 10th-14th May (G.W.Allison, C.G.Bradshaw *et al.*).

Norfolk Lakenheath Washes, female, 14th May (Dr C.Kelly, P.J.Dolton *et al.*). Hickling, male, 31st May (T.Barker). Winterton, male, 31st May (I.Smith).

Northamptonshire Helidon, first-summer female, 26th June (G.Pullan).

Northeast Scotland Duthie Park, Aberdeen, female, 16th July (P.A.A.Baxter, C.N.Gibbins).

Nottinghamshire Lound Gravel-pits, male, 12th May (C.Forsythe per M.C.Dennis).

Suffolk Suffolk Water Park, female, 13th-14th May, photo. (J.Zantboer *et al.*).

Sussex, East Filsham, female, age uncertain, 10th May (K.Johnson, I.Standivan *et al.*).

1989 Dorset Hartland Moor, first-summer female, 10th-11th June, photo. (M. & the late K.Massey, A.Russell, M.Tuck).

Another typical year, but, after a majority of males in the previous year, there were considerably more females in 2000.

Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonora* (0, 4, 0)

1987 Norfolk Hickling, first-summer, 6th July (B.Moore, P.A.J.Morris, R.D.Thomas *et al.*).

The belated acceptance of this individual follows the input of expert advice from overseas.

Gyr Falcon *Falco rusticolus* (many, 136, 1)

Shetland Fair Isle, first- or second-year white-phase, 3rd-16th February (D.N.Shaw *et al.*).

One record from Cornwall remains to be assessed.

Sora Crake *Porzana carolina* (5, 8, 1)

Devon Stover Country Park, Newton Abbot, first-winter, 18th January to 5th April, photo. (B.B.Heasman *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 258; 93: plate 77).

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1998 Wexford Tacumshin, adult, 2nd-4th August, photo. (Irish Birds 6: 389).

The long-staying, co-operative and photogenic individual in Devon was the highlight of the winter for many observers. The timing of the Irish record is not unprecedented; one was trapped on Bardsey in 1981, also in early August.

Little Crake *Porzana parva* (68, 32, 1)

Kent Dungeness, female, 14th May, photo. (J.R.Hunter *et al.*).

Five of the last six records have been in spring.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* (98, 226, 2)

Hampshire Pennington Marsh, two, 29th-30th April (C.Allen *et al.*); also in West Sussex.

Norfolk Titchwell area, since 1999 (Brit. Birds 93: 528), throughout year, photo. (per G.E.Dunmore).

Sussex, West Sidlesham Ferry, two, 30th April (O.M.Mitchell *et al.*); same as Hampshire above.

The Titchwell resident seems destined to stay for the rest of its days.

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola* (31, 52, 1)

Scilly St Mary's, 21st-29th April, photo. (M.Anderson, M.S.Scott *et al.*).

1996 Yorkshire, East Hornsea Mere, 4th June (E.J.Hediger, R.Lyon *et al.*); same as Norfolk and other counties 1996 (Brit. Birds 90: 468).

1996 Yorkshire, North Muston, 3rd June (G.M.Batten); same as East Yorkshire above.

1999 Norfolk Berney Marshes, 16th-17th June (Brit. Birds 93: 529), was 16th-17th May.

Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni* (5, 28, 1)

Cumbria Grune Point, 17th August to 3rd September (D.G.H.West *et al.*).

American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica* (6, 253, 10)

Cleveland Marske, juvenile, 30th September (D.J.Britton).

Cornwall Sennen, juvenile, 1st October (D.E.Balmer, P.M.Wilson *et al.*). Crows-an-Wra, juvenile, 26th-27th October (G.S.Bilbao, S.M.Christophers, C.J.Sparks *et al.*).

Nottinghamshire Sutton-on-Trent, age uncertain, 21st September (S.C.Votier); presumed same, Langford Lowfields, 8th October (J.M.Lewis *et al.*).

Outer Hebrides West Gerinish, South Uist, juvenile, 22nd-25th October, photo. (P.R.Boyer, A.Stevenson). Liniolate, Benbecula, juvenile, 22nd-23rd November (P.R.Boyer, B.J.Hill, B.Rabbitts *et al.*); possibly same as West Gerinish. St Kilda, juvenile, 4th October (A.Robinson).

Scilly St Mary's, first-summer, 30th May to 5th June, photo. (R.L.Flood *et al.*). Tresco, juvenile, 1st November (E.A.Fisher, R.L.Flood).

Shetland Sandness, juvenile, 15th October (P.M.Ellis, P.V.Harvey).

1999 Cornwall Sennen, juvenile, 22nd-24th October (C.D.R.Heard); presumed same as 13th (Brit. Birds 93: 529).

1999 Hampshire Keyhaven Marsh area, juvenile, 30th October (R.W.Russell).

1999 Yorkshire, South Old Moor, adult, 26th September (J.Goddard, D.M.Waddington).

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1998 Wexford Tacumshin, juvenile, 10th-11th October (Irish Birds 6: 389).

The Nottinghamshire bird was discovered during an opportunistic check of a European Golden Plover *P.apricaria* flock, which the observer noticed while on a long car journey.

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva* (3, 46, 5)

Argyll Vaul, Tiree, adult, 12th October (A.J.Leitch).

Cumbria Grune Point, adult, 5th-9th August, photo. (M.Sargent, D.G.H.West *et al.*).

Essex Old Hall Marshes, first-summer, 7th May (C.J.Mackenzie-Grieve, N.J.Ransdale, A.Thompson *et al.*).

Shetland Fair Isle, juvenile, 2nd-12th October, probably since 28th September (A.J.Bull, D.N.Shaw *et al.*).

Yorkshire, East Brough Haven, adult, 6th-25th July (R.Lyon *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 259; 93: plates 232 & 233).

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1993 Cork Ballycotton, adult, 8th August (Irish Birds 6: 389).

This species is now almost an annual visitor to Britain. Grune Point enjoyed a good August; no sooner had the Pacific Golden Plover departed than a Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni* arrived.

American/Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica/fulva* (9, 325, 15)

1999 Cleveland Greenabella Marsh, adult, 22nd August (B.Beck, J.Regan, R.C.Taylor).

1999 Cornwall Predannack, adult, 9th-10th October (A.R.Pay).

1999 Yorkshire, West Knottingley, adult, 12th December (M.Askew, D.J.Bacon).

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1998 Wicklow Kilcoole, adult, 23rd May (Irish Birds 6: 389).

From the beginning of 2002, BBRC will no longer consider 'either/or' species records for some groups, such as this, except in cases where the identification criteria are uncertain or impossible to establish in field conditions (Brit. Birds 94: 395). For the sake of completeness, we shall continue to publish any outstanding records from before this date.

Sociable Lapwing *Vanellus gregarius* (5, 36, 1)

Suffolk Dingle Marshes and Minsmere, first-winter, 22nd-24th October, photo. (W.J.Brame *et al.*); presumed same, Aldeburgh, 19th-20th November (per D.F.Walsh).

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1998 Offaly Shannon Harbour, 18th December (Irish Birds 6: 389).

The bird in Co. Offaly is Ireland's fourth.

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla* (2, 110, 2)

Somerset Burnham-on-Sea, juvenile, 16th-18th September (A.Pugsley, A.M.Slade *et al.*).

Sussex, East Rye Harbour, adult, 11th-29th August, photo. (S.Smith, P.M.Troake *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 262).

1999 Dumfries & Galloway Port Logan, juvenile, 18th-23rd September, photo. (B.Orr *et al.*).

1999 Yorkshire, East Easington Lagoons, juvenile, 17th September (A.C.Garvey, M.J.Hobbs).

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1998 Cork Ballycotton, juvenile, 10th-20th September; another, 13th-20th (Irish Birds 6: 389).

1998 Waterford Cunnigar, juvenile, 27th September (Irish Birds 6: 389).

1999 Down Belfast Lough, juvenile, 13th-20th August; another, 8th-21st September (per NIBA).

After the bonanza in the Hebrides in 1999 (Brit. Birds 93: 530-531), there was a return to form for this species in 2000.

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis* (0, 5, 1)

Shetland Pool of Virkie, adult, 18th-21st July, photo. (Dr R.Riddington *et al.*).

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1998 Cork Ballycotton, 2nd-5th July, photo. (Irish Birds 6: 389).

Late July or early August is the time to find one of these, but there is no predicting where.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* (6, 32, 0)

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1998 Dublin Rogerstown Estuary, juvenile, 12th-25th September, photo. (Irish Birds 6: 391).

White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis* (24, 444, 23)

Argyll Loch Gruinart, Islay, adult, 13th August (Dr T.ap Rheinallt *et al.*).

Cambridgeshire Ouse Washes, adult, intermittently, 6th-9th September (D.Griffiths, J.Oates *et al.*); same as Welney, Norfolk.

Cornwall Hayle, juvenile, 15th-26th October, photo. (S.F.Elton *et al.*).

Dorset Lodmoor, juvenile/first-winter, 14th-15th October (G.F. & S.Barlow, S.Robson *et al.*).

Kent Elmley, adult, 5th-9th August (P.R.Alfrey, G.W.Allison). Grove Ferry, juvenile, 15th October (N.V.McCanch).

Norfolk Cley, adult, 19th-22nd August (M.I.Eldridge, A.J.L.Smith *et al.*). Welney, adult, intermittently, 1st-18th September, photo. (J.B.Kemp, C.Mitchell, D.Stevens *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 261); also in Cambridgeshire.

Northeast Scotland Slains Pools, Collieston, juvenile, 21st-29th October (the late W.R.Brackenridge, A.Webb *et al.*). Annachie Lagoon, juvenile, 22nd October (D.J.G.Gill, A.Rigg, A.Webb *et al.*); not same as Slains Pools.

Orkney Braebuster/St Peter's Pool area, adult, 22nd-23rd July (I.Dillon, K.E.Hague). North Ronaldsay, adult, 25th-26th July (P.A.Brown, R.McGregor *et al.*).

Outer Hebrides Loch Paible, North Uist, adult, 23rd-25th September (B.Rabbitts). Near Balgarva, South Uist, adult, 9th-24th September (P.Amies, B.Rabbitts, A.Stevenson *et al.*). Clachan/South Ford area, South Uist, juvenile, 7th-8th October; presumed same, West Gerinish, South Uist, 11th-15th (G.Evans, A.Stevenson *et al.*). Near West Gerinish, South Uist, adult, 10th-15th October (B.Rabbitts, A.Stevenson *et al.*). St Kilda, adult, 9th-11th September; juvenile, 5th-9th October (A.Robinson).

Scilly St Agnes, adult, 28th September to 5th October (R.J.McCann, D.Page, N.Wheatley *et al.*). Bryher, juvenile, 24th October (D.S.Flumm, L.Lock).

Shetland Pool of Virkie and Scord, adult, 13th July (M.Maher, Dr R.Riddington, S.C.Votier *et al.*).

Yorkshire, East Kilnsea, adult, 5th-6th August, photo. (J.A.Rowlands, R.I.Thorpe *et al.*).

1999 Cornwall Stithians Reservoir, juvenile, 23rd October (Brit. Birds 93: 531), first-named observer was D.Eva of Cornwall, not D.P.Eva of Shetland.

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Londonderry Lough Beg, juvenile, 23rd October to 18th November; another, 30th October only (per NIBA).

1996 Cork Ballycotton, juvenile, 26th September (Irish Birds 6: 391).

1998 Wexford Tacumshin, adult, 26th July to 12th August (Irish Birds 6: 391).

In the Outer Hebrides, the multiple Semipalmated Sandpipers *C.pusilla* of September 1999 were replaced by a flurry of White-rumped Sandpipers in 2000. The Yorkshire bird had the good sense to time its visit to Kilnsea to coincide with the BBRC summer meeting at the same venue.

Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii* (5, 221, 3)

Devon Dawlish Warren, adult, 8th August (J.E.Forthey, K.Rylands *et al.*).

Gwent Goldcliff Pools, juvenile, 3rd-13th October (J.O'Sullivan *et al.*).

Hampshire Hayling Oysterbeds, Langstone Harbour, adult, 8th May (J.Crook *et al.*).

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1998 Dublin Rogerstown, juvenile, 25th September.

1998 Wexford Lady's Island Lake, adult, 15th August; presumed same, Tacumshin, 17th (Irish Birds 6: 391).

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata* (5, 20, 1)

Shetland Scatness and Pool of Virkie, adult, 27th August to 1st September (P.V.Harvey, Dr R.Riddington *et al.*).

The second highly sought-after eastern wader to be recorded at the Pool of Virkie in little more than a month (see also Red-necked Stint *C.ruficollis*, above). Just to prove the pedigree of the area, this is not the first record of this sandpiper from Scatness.

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus* (23, 189, 3)

Devon Dawlish Warren, 13th-30th May, photo. (J.E.Forthey *et al.*).

Northeast Scotland Ythan Estuary, 3rd-6th May, photo. (C.N.Gibbins *et al.*).

Yorkshire, South Rother Valley Country Park, 6th July (R.Greasley *et al.*).

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1998 Clare Shannon Airport Lagoon, 27th April (Irish Birds 6: 393).

Stilt Sandpiper *Micropalama himantopus* (1, 27, 0)

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1989 Wexford Tacumshin, juvenile/first-winter, 22nd-29th October (Irish Birds 6: 393).

Irish Birds has commented that this appears to be the first Western Palearctic record of a bird in juvenile/first-winter plumage.

Great Snipe *Gallinago media* (180, 109, 2)

Shetland Fair Isle, 22nd September (H.E.Maggs *et al.*), presumed same, 24th, photo. (K.Holland *et al.*). Isbister, Whalsay, 2nd October (J.L.Irvine, M.Williamson *et al.*).

Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus* (0, 2, 0)

1999 Cleveland Greenabella Marsh and Greatham Creek area, juvenile, 29th September to at least 30th October, photo. (B.Beck, R.C.Taylor *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plates 270 & 271); same as Northeast Scotland below.

1999 Northeast Scotland Rosehearty, juvenile, 11th-24th September, photo. (P.S.Crockett, I.Gordon, D.M.Pullan, J.Smith *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 260). .

Following an individual in Ireland in 1985, this was a long-awaited and, ultimately, a long-staying first for Great Britain. Many of those who travelled from England to see it in Northeast Scotland may have felt a little aggrieved that it subsequently followed them south. As the photographs show, it did give excellent views at times. This bird was a juvenile, which is undoubtedly the easiest plumage in which to separate this species from Long-billed Dowitcher *L.scolopaceus*. Nevertheless, even in this plumage, identification is not so straightforward as it may at first seem, and attention to detail is still required. This individual had one missing tertial on its left wing and an identical pattern of markings on the juvenile tertials, scapulars and coverts.

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus* (9, 212, 4)

Dorset Middlebere, Poole Harbour, juvenile/first-winter, 7th-11th November (H.G.Wood Homer *et al.*).

Kent Elmley, adult, 8th-29th April, 30th July to 11th August, photo. (per C.G.Bradshaw); same as 1999 below.

Lancashire & North Merseyside Seaforth, juvenile, 17th-28th October; juvenile/first-winter, 28th October to 5th April 2001 at least, photo. (L.Jones, S.J.White *et al.*).

Northeast Scotland Ythan Estuary, adult, 4th-16th August, photo. (F.M. & M.A.Sullivan *et al.*).

1999 Kent Elmley, 31st March to 28th April; same, Oare Marshes, 15th July to 24th August (Brit. Birds 93: 533), also Funton Creek, Medway, 3rd October, Elmley, 31st October, 25th November (J.A.Rowlands).

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Antrim North Foreshore Tip, adult, 19th February; also in Down (per NIBA).

Down Belfast Lough, adult, 9th April; same as Antrim; same as 1999 Down below (per NIBA).

1998 Cork Ballycotton, juvenile, 7th November to 20th March 1999 (Irish Birds 6: 393).

1998 Wexford Tacumshin, juvenile, 29th September to 18th October, also in 1999 below. The Cull, two juveniles, 18th October to 15th April 1999; another juvenile, 3rd December to 18th February 1999; presumed same as Tacumshin (Irish Birds 6: 393).

1998 Wicklow Broadlough, juvenile, 20th-28th September (Irish Birds 6: 393).

1999 Cork See 1998 Cork above.

1999 Down Belfast Lough, adult, 7th July to 3rd December (per NIBA); also in 2000 above.

1999 Wexford Tacumshin, 3rd-18th April, presumed same as 1998 above (Irish Birds 6: 393). The Cull, see 1998 Wexford above.

The bird in Kent has now been present since 1998.

Long-billed/Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus/griseus* (18, 309, 5)

Norfolk Berney Marshes, 7th May (P.R.Allard, K.R.Dye).

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

North American race *N. p. hudsonicus* (2, 2, 1)

Gwent Goldcliff Pools, 6th-7th May, video., photo. (S.D.Bosanquet *et al.*).

The first record of this race since one at Tacumshin, Co. Wexford, in September 1980 (Brit. Birds 77: 524), and the fifth for Britain & Ireland. No doubt some slip through undetected, but this bird demonstrated that the features separating this race from the Whimbrels which we see in western Europe (*N.p.phaeopus*) extend to more than just a dark rump (Birding World 13: 190-193).

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis* (12, 100, 4)

Dorset Stanpit Marsh, 10th-15th April, photo. (I.Prophet *et al.*).

Essex Vange Marsh, adult, 15th-16th August (S.Arlow, P.M.Griggs *et al.*).

Lancashire & North Merseyside Seaforth, adult, 22nd July, photo. (I.Simms *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 236).

Sussex, West Sidlesham Ferry, 23rd April (T.A. & M.A.Guyatt *et al.*).

1999 Kent Monks' Wall, juvenile, 7th-30th August, photo. (J.R.Hunter *et al.*); presumed same as Sandwich Bay, 13th (Brit. Birds 93: 533).

1999 Yorkshire, West Astley Lake, New Swillington Ings, 3rd August (Brit. Birds 93: 534), second-named observer was A.Robertshaw. Fairburn Ings, three juveniles, 3rd-5th August (V.Parslow *et al.*); presumed same as Astley Lake.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* (12, 25, 0)

Outer Hebrides Loch Mor, Benbecula, 2nd November 1999 to at least 9th March (Brit. Birds 93: 534), last noted Loch Bail'Fhionnlaidh, 7th May.

This is the first record of wintering by this species in Britain, although one spent the winter of 1982/83 in Co. Kerry (Brit. Birds 77: 526).

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* (35, 259, 6)

Argyll Ulva Lagoon, near Tayvallich, juvenile/first-winter, 30th September to 11th October, photo. (J.Dickson, C.Pollock *et al.*).

Carmarthenshire Laugharne, first-winter, 12th November to at least 18th April 2001, photo. (T.Freeman, M.Humphreys *et al.*).

Cornwall Loe Pool, juvenile, 24th September (R.C.Loader *et al.*); present 23rd-28th, photo.

Dorset Butterstreet Cove, 7th-19th May, photo. (M.Gilbert, G.Walbridge *et al.*).

Northumberland Seaton Burn, near Wideopen, juvenile/first-winter, 4th-19th October, photo. (G.Bowman, A.J.Johnson, D.Smart *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 261; 93: plate 351).

Yorkshire, North Filey Dams, juvenile, 17th October, video. (K. & N.P.Senior *et al.*).

1998 Essex East Tilbury, first-winter, 27th December to 21st March 1999, photo. (J.A.Alderston, B.Holwell *et al.*).

1999 Angus & Dundee Monikie, adult, 26th July to 2nd August, photo. (S.R.Green, R.McCurley, G.M.Smith *et al.*).

1999 Essex See 1998 Essex above.

1999 Hampshire Pennington Marsh, 5th-9th May (P.Winter, R.B.Wynn *et al.*).

1999 Kent Cliffe, first-summer, intermittently, 17th March to 12th April (F.Cackett, P.Larkin, J.Warne *et al.*); same as Essex above.

1999 Lothian Tynninghame, juvenile, 26th September to 10th October (I.J.Andrews, M.S.Cavanagh *et al.*).

1999 Northumberland Lindisfarne, age uncertain, 4th September (I.Kerr).

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1998 Clare Poulnasherry Bay, 13th September; same, Kilrush Marina, 4th-5th October; same, Knock, Shannon Estuary, 12th December (Irish Birds 6: 393).

1998 Cork Near Macroom, 1st-14th February. Kinsale Marsh, juvenile, 9th-10th October. (Irish Birds 6: 393)

1998 Kerry Akeragh Lough, 19th September to 5th October (Irish Birds 6: 393).

1998 Louth Dundalk Docks, adult, since 13th July 1997 to 24th May (Brit. Birds 92: 577; Irish Birds 6: 297).

1998 Wexford Lady's Island Lake, juvenile, 11th October (Irish Birds 6: 393).

A relatively quiet year for this species, but a return to a more typical pattern of arrivals, predominantly in autumn, compared with last year's rush of spring birds.

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria* (6, 23, 1)

Scilly St Mary's and Tresco, first-winter, 22nd September to 21st October, photo. (D.Page, K.Webb *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 262; 93: plate 346).

This will be remembered as one of the rarities of the year, since it remained on Scilly long enough to be enjoyed at close quarters by many people. September arrivals are very much the norm.

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus* (3, 54, 1)

Lancashire & North Merseyside Seaforth, 9th June, photo. (C.Gregson *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 263; 93: plate 216).

There were five spring records last year and another this year. Late April to early June is the best time to look for this species.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularia* (6, 124, 1)

Derbyshire Chatsworthy Park, adult, 30th May (T.Hobson, C.Jackson, R.W.Key *et al.*).

1998 Cumbria South Walney, age uncertain, 27th September (C.Raven *et al.*).

The single record makes 2000 the worst year since 1972, when there was none.

Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor* (1, 280, 0)

1999 Yorkshire, East Blacktoft Sands, juvenile/first-winter, 2nd October, photo. (J.T.Harriman, F.X.Moffatt); probably same, 9th-13th, photo. (G.E.Dobbs, I.H.Leach *et al.*); same as Edderthorpe Flash, 9th October (Brit. Birds 93: 536).

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1998 Cork Ballycotton, 13th September (Irish Birds 6: 393).

1998 Dublin Rogerstown, 11th September (Irish Birds 6: 393).

1998 Wexford Tacumshin, female, 29th June to 13th July; same, Lady's Island Lake, 5th July. Tacumshin, first-winter, 16th-23rd September; same, Lady's Island Lake, 26th-30th. (Irish Birds 6: 393)

The first blank year since 1993.

Laughing Gull *Larus atricilla* (2, 102, 2)

Kent Dungeness, first-winter, 7th, 12th March (R.E.Turley, D.Walker *et al.*).

Scilly St Mary's, adult, 7th-20th January, photo. (R.J.Hathway, M.S.Scott *et al.*).

1996 Cornwall Maer Lake, Bude, first-summer, 23rd September, photo. (G.P.Sutton).

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1998 Cork Cork City Dump, second-winter, 3rd January (Irish Birds 6: 394).

Franklin's Gull *Larus pipixcan* (0, 41, 2)

Avon Keynsham, second-winter/second-summer, 10th-11th April (A.H.Davies *et al.*); presumed same as Dorset, Somerset.

Devon Clennon Valley, Paignton, first-winter, 16th-19th December, photo. (M.R.A.Bailey *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: 476 fig. 3); other localities in 2001.

Dorset Radipole and Weymouth Bay area, second-winter, 13th-19th February, intermittently, 26th to 2nd March, photo. (R.Kershaw *et al.*); same, Maiden Castle, Dorchester, 25th February (J.Down per S.Robson), Maiden Newton, Frome Valley, 25th (C.Patrick per S.Robson); also in Avon, Somerset.

Somerset Cheddar Reservoir, second-winter, 16th-22nd March, photo. (T.A.Box, A.M.Slade *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 124); presumed same as Avon, Dorset.

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1998 Louth Baltray, adult, 11th-21st October (Irish Birds 6: 394).

We have yet to receive details of a second-summer that was seen at various localities in the south of England, including Thamesmead, Greater London, where it was photographed.

Bonaparte's Gull *Larus philadelphia* (11, 108, 6)

Angus & Dundee Lunan Bay, adult, 2nd October (S.R.Green, R.McCurley *et al.*).

Cornwall Drift Reservoir, adult, 11th-17th March (B.Dodd, G.Hobin *et al.*).

Derbyshire Ogston Reservoir and Poolsbrook Country Park, adult, 26th-27th December (R.J. & B.G.Lowe *et al.*).

Devon Teign estuary, first-winter/first-summer, 17th March to 1st May, photo. (M.Knott *et al.*).

Lancashire & North Merseyside Seaforth, first-summer, 24th-25th May, photo. (T.J.Meehan *et al.*).

Oxfordshire Farmoor Reservoir, first-summer, 17th-18th May, photo. (N.J.Hallam *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 264).

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1998 Cork The Lough, 22nd February to 14th March; adult, 27th-28th February (Irish Birds 6: 395).

After only one in 1999, this is a return to normal service.

Slender-billed Gull *Larus genei* (0, 6, 3)

Kent Dungeness, 30th-31st May (P.G.Akers, D.J.R.Hinton *et al.*).

Norfolk Cley, two adults, 5th May, photo. (Mr & Mrs R.Brownsword, B.Dawson *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 185).

The Norfolk record is almost a carbon copy of the two there in 1987. What is even more astonishing is that there was only one record of the species in the British Isles between these two events, and that was only in 1999. Dungeness also has one previous record, so six of the nine Slender-billed Gulls recorded in this country have been seen at these two sites. Who says that lightning never strikes twice?

Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*

North American race *L. a. smithsonianus* 'American Herring Gull' (0, 36, 1)

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Londonderry Culmore Tip, second-winter, 7th-8th March (per NIBA).

1998 Cork The Lough, first-winter, since 6th December 1997 to 4th January (Brit. Birds 92: 581; Irish Birds 6: 302).
Cork City Dump, first-winter, 2nd-25th January. The Lough, second-winter, 15th January. (Irish Birds 6: 395)

1998 Donegal Killybegs, second-winter, 7th, 22nd March, photo.; different second-winter, 12th April (Irish Birds 6: 395).

1998 Dublin Rogerstown, first-winter, 4th May (Irish Birds 6: 395).

1998 Waterford Waterford City Dump, second-winter, 3rd January (Irish Birds 6: 395).

1999 Antrim Whiteabbey, Belfast Lough, first-winter, 6th November (per NIBA).

1999 Down North Foreshore Tip, Belfast, first-winter, 22nd January (per NIBA).

A number of records in Great Britain remain under consideration.

Ross's Gull *Rhodostethia rosea* (2, 86, 1)

Shetland Westing, Unst, adult, 9th January, photo. (M.G. & M.J.Pennington *et al.*).

1999 Caithness Wick, adult, 11th February (N.Money *et al.*); present 8th-11th.

1999 Northumberland East Chevington, adult, 9th-10th June (M.J.Carr, R.Dunn, A.S.Jack).

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1998 Dublin Dun Laoghaire, adult, 7th January (Irish Birds 6: 396).

Unst, the northernmost island in Shetland, in early January, would seem to be exactly the right time and place for this species.

Ivory Gull *Pagophila eburnea* (76, 45, 2)

Argyll Ardnave Point, Islay, first-winter, 23rd-24th January, photo. (C.Andrews, S.Harris, Dr T.ap Rheinallt *et al.*).

Outer Hebrides North Tolsta, first-winter, 9th January (S.B.Witts per B.Rabbits); same, Stornoway and Ranish, Lewis, 10th-18th, photo. (P.Cunningham, R.D.Wemyss *et al.*).

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1998 Mayo Newport Tip, adult, 31st December (Irish Birds 6: 396).

These two records in the northwest could conceivably relate to one individual, but even so they are just reward for the hardy birders who endure long, windy and dark winters in the Western Isles.

Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica* (52, 217, 2)

Outer Hebrides Loch Bee, South Uist, 14th-16th July, photo. (J.K., K.A. & K.D.Shaw *et al.*).

Scilly St Mary's, 10th April (R.L.Flood, P.J. & S.A.Robinson).

1999 Gloucestershire See 1999 Wiltshire below.

1999 Wiltshire Cotswold Water Park, 27th June to 4th July (Brit. Birds 93: 538), also in Gloucestershire section of locality.

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1998 Cork Courtmacsherry, adult, 26th-27th July; same, Kilbrittain, 8th August (Irish Birds 6: 396).

The record from the Outer Hebrides was a particularly notable find, given the location.

Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia* (30, 235, 1)

Cleveland Saltholme Pools, Seaton Snook and Bran Sands, 2nd-5th August, photo. (B.Beck, G.Lawlor, R.C.Taylor *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 265; 93: plate 256).

1998 Leicestershire Rutland Water, 1st August (T.P.Appleton, M.G.Berriman).

1999 Kent Oare Marshes, 11th July (R.O'Reilly).

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1998 Cork Ballycotton, 19th-20th June (Irish Birds 6: 396).

Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri* (0, 29, 1)

Caernarfonshire Bangor, second-winter, 2nd-18th December, photo. (M.Jones, R.Pritchard, A.White *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 30).

Essex Hamford Water and Tollesbury Creek area, since 1999 to at least 24th April (Brit. Birds 93: 538), to 1st September.

1998 Cornwall Devoran, first-winter, 5th November (C.D.R.Heard, M.May *et al.*).

This species breaks all the conventional 'rules' for terns, with winter arrivals and long stays both quite typical. Figures for previous records in Ireland have been adjusted to take account of apparently returning individuals; the new Irish total is eight.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida* (20, 108, 1)

Yorkshire, East Flamborough Head, 4th June, photo. (D.Bywater *et al.*).

1999 Cornwall Hayle, first-winter, 21st October, photo. (I.Kendall, D.J.Rigby, L.P.Williams *et al.*).

The individual in Cornwall in 1999 was late, but is not the latest ever. Birds in juvenile/first-winter plumage were recorded on very similar dates in Norfolk in 1988 and in Leicestershire/Northamptonshire in 1991.

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*

North American race *C. n. surinamensis* (0, 1, 0)

1999 Avon Weston-super-Mare, juvenile, 3rd-11th October, probably since 2nd, photo. (R.M.Andrews, R.J.Higgins, J.P.Martin *et al.*).

It is perhaps a little surprising that this race has not been recorded before, but it may well have been overlooked.

White-winged Black Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus* (50, 722, 20)

Cambridgeshire Grafham Water, juvenile, 20th September (J.Oates *et al.*).

Cleveland Dorman's Pool, Saltholme Pool and Haverton Hole, adult, 25th June, photo. (J.Regan *et al.*). South Gare, juvenile, 19th September (J.B.Dunnett).

Essex Hanningfield Reservoir, adult, 7th July (N.A.Chambers *et al.*).

Fife Carnbee Reservoir, adult, 5th, 7th June (J.N.Mutch *et al.*).

Gwent Llandegfedd Reservoir, juvenile, 24th September (P.J.Cruttenden *et al.*).

Kent Dungeness, adult, 23rd-25th June (O.J.Leyshon *et al.*); adult, 21st September (D.Walker *et al.*). Grove Ferry, adult, 10th-13th July (M.Snook, D.Willett *et al.*).

Lancashire & North Merseyside Seaforth, adult, 27th May, photo. (A. & A.Wraithmell *et al.*).

Norfolk Cley, adult, 28th May (A.P.Jensen *et al.*). Winterton, adult, 27th July (S.J.Aspinall *et al.*).

Orkney Loch of Rummie, adult, 21st-23rd June (B.Ribbands, E.J.Williams *et al.*). Newark Bay, Deerness, juvenile, 18th-21st November (I.Dillon *et al.*).

Outer Hebrides Lochs Nam Feithean and Paible, North Uist, adult, 8th-15th June (F.Millwood, B.Rabbitts *et al.*).

Shetland Wick of Aith, Fetlar, adult, 19th June (G. & J.Harrison).

Worcestershire Bredon's Hardwick, juvenile, 3rd September (A.Warr *et al.*).

Yorkshire, East Spurn, adult, 28th July (D.P.Boyle, M.G.Stoyle). Tophill Low, juvenile, 15th-19th October, photo. (J.Barker *et al.*).

1996 Warwickshire Draycote Water, adult, 26th July (J.J.Bowley, G.Rowe *et al.*).

1998 Yorkshire, West Dewsbury, juvenile, 11th October, photo. (J.Hamilton).

1999 Lincolnshire North Coates Point, juvenile, 12th September (H.Bunn).

1999 Norfolk Berney Marshes, 5th July (Brit. Birds 93: 538), first-named observer was I.Robinson.

1999 Somerset Steart, adult, 13th July (N.E.Wall). Parrett Estuary, Hinckley Point and Meare Heath area, juvenile, intermittently, 19th September to 8th November (Brit. Birds 93: 539), initial finder was P.Bowyer.

1999 Yorkshire, East Pulfin Bog, adult, 22nd August, photo. (D.G.Hobson).

1999 Yorkshire, North East Tanfield, adult, 10th August (B. & S.Morland).

1999 Yorkshire, West Fairburn Ings, juvenile, 31st July to 10th August (C.Winn *et al.*).

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Down Belfast Lough, adult, 27th August (per NIBA).

The juvenile in Orkney in November stands out as extraordinary in an otherwise fairly typical set of records. Not only was it a long way north on a very late date, but it was found feeding over a ploughed field, rather than the usual reservoir full of windsurfers.

Brünnich's Guillemot *Uria lomvia* (2, 33, 1)

Orkney Scapa Flow, freshly dead, 21st December, photo.; now at National Museum of Scotland (I.Dillon *et al.*).

Another dead one. In fact, the last decade has favoured the living, so this is a return to past form.

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius* (6, 35, 1)

Hampshire Keyhaven, first-summer, 2nd April (G.Horacek-Davis); same, Pennington Marsh, 8th-17th, photo. (per J.M.Clark) (Brit. Birds 93: plates 139 & 140).

This was the first record for Hampshire. Despite over forty records, this is still a true rarity; two is the most seen in anyone year.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus americanus* (22, 41, 1)

Cornwall St Levan, 12th-13th October, photo. (I.M.Wilson *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 266).

One on mainland Cornwall for the second year running, but only the fifth there since 1959. The wait continues for the next Black-billed Cuckoo *C.erythrophthalmus*; the last one was on St Mary's, Scilly, in October 1990.

Eurasian Scops Owl *Otus scops* (64, 28, 0)

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1998 Waterford Brownstown Head, freshly dead, 5th April (Irish Birds 6: 397).

Only the third Irish record.

Snowy Owl *Nyctea scandiaca* (many, 159, 1)

Outer Hebrides Near Kilpheder, South Uist, female, 24th May (W.A.K.Neill); present Askernish area, 23rd-26th; first noted, North Uist, 1st May (per B.Rabbits).

The fifth record for the Outer Hebrides. There have been no records in Shetland since 1995, when a first-winter male was taken aboard a vessel in the North Sea and subsequently released on Fetlar.

Chimney Swift *Chaetura pelagica* (0, 11, 1)

Yorkshire, East Spurn, 6th August (N.A.Bell, A.Hutt *et al.*).

1999 Cornwall Rame Head, 22nd-23rd October, photo. (G.Hodgson *et al.*). Drift Reservoir, two, 24th October (R.Johnson, L.P.Williams *et al.*); same as Penzance and Newlyn area, 23rd-24th (Brit. Birds 93: 541).

The bird at Spurn is presumably one that stayed on this side of the Atlantic following the influx of the previous autumn. Interestingly, one was also reported at Lærdalsøyri, Norway, on 26th May 2000 (Birding World 14: 37). The additional 1999 individual raises that year's total to a record five.

Pallid Swift *Apus pallidus* (0, 27, 0)

1999 Norfolk Happisburgh, 25th October (R.G.W.Heselden).

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1998 Louth Dundalk, 24th April (Irish Birds 6: 397).

The Happisburgh bird was seen while the individual at Mundesley (Brit. Birds 93: 541), just down the road and also in Norfolk, was still under observation, so this brings the record 1999 influx to 12.

Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba* (50, 435, 5)

Cleveland Greenabella Marsh and Seal Sands, 21st June (B.Beck).

Gower Eglwys Nunydd Reservoir, 4th May (C.Gittins *et al.*).

Scilly Tresco, 1st-3rd July, photo. (B.Thomas *et al.*). St Mary's, 23rd-24th, photo. (E.A.Fisher, R.L.Flood *et al.*).

Surrey Richmond Park, 27th May (S.Czapski).

Five records is the poorest showing since 1991, and well below average.

Little Swift *Apus affinis* (0, 16, 1)

Hampshire Beaulieu Road, New Forest, 4th June (P.Stanbury, J.Stokes *et al.*).

The recent surge of records continues; this is the seventh since 1998.

European Roller *Coracias garrulus* (135, 95, 1)

Durham East Boldon, 13th-30th July, photo. (P.T.Bell, J.Crann, C.Richards *et al.*).

First reported by non-birders, but many people enjoyed this wonderful bird thanks to the diligence of the local enthusiasts who followed up the initial report.

Calandra Lark *Melanocorypha calandra* (0, 9, 1)

Shetland Fair Isle, 13th May (C.A.Holt *et al.*).

A mainland discovery would be most welcome, but, apart from the first, at Portland in 1961, all have been found on islands. This is the third for Fair Isle, hot on the heels of its second, in May 1999.

Lesser Short-toed Lark *Calandrella rufescens* (0, 1, 0)

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1958 Wexford Great Saltee Island, five, 22nd March, one 23rd, two 24th, four 25th (Brit. Birds 53: 167; Irish Bird Rep. 6: 30), now reviewed by IRBC and considered no longer acceptable (Irish Birds 6: 413).

Now that all the Irish records have been deleted, the one at Portland, on 2nd May 1992, is the sole accepted record for Britain and Ireland (Brit. Birds 88: 593-599).

Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica* (7, 343, 14)

Cornwall Marazion, 2nd May (P.A.Fraser, A.Parks).

Devon Torcross/Slapton Ley, 25th-26th April (M.R.Langman *et al.*).

Dorset Lodmoor, 3rd-4th May (H.G.Wood Homer *et al.*).

Hertfordshire Hilfield Park Reservoir, 27th May (S.Murray).

Kent Dungeness, two, 22nd April (M.Garwood, R.J.Price *et al.*). St Margaret's, two, 7th May (Dr A.M.Hanby *et al.*).

Northumberland Holy Island, 26th-27th April (P.R.Davey, S.Sexton *et al.*).

Scilly St Mary's, 1st to at least 14th May, photo. (A.Bartlett, R.L.Flood, R.Souter *et al.*). St Agnes, 8th-10th May (N.E.Burns, D.Page *et al.*); possibly same as St Mary's.

Shetland Scatness, 8th May, photo. (J.N.Dymond, M.Mellor, Dr R.Riddington); presumed same, Loch of Hillwell, 10th (P.V.Harvey, Dr R.Riddington). Fair Isle, 11th May, photo. (H.E.Maggs *et al.*).

Wight, Isle of Culver Down, 20th May (M.Buckley).

1998 Cornwall Millbrook, 1st-10th March (Brit. Birds 92: 586), correct locality was Millook.

1999 Berkshire Theale Gravel-pits, 9th May (T.G.Ball); present 8th-9th, 11th, photo.

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1998 Cork Baltimore, 19th-21st February (Irish Birds 6: 398).

Cliff Swallow *Hirundo pyrrhonota* (0, 6, 2)

Dorset The Verne, Portland, 29th-30th September, photo. (D.J.Chown, C.E.Richards, J.Stirling *et al.*).

Scilly St Mary's, 28th-30th September, photo. (J.K.Higginson, S.Turner *et al.*).

Two in one thrilling weekend, the fifth and sixth British records. In a recent article, attention has been drawn to the possibility that the similar Cave Swallow *H.fulva* might occur in Europe, following recent influxes onto the eastern seaboard of the United States (Birding World 13: 368-374).

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni* (1, 211, 16)

Cleveland Hartlepool Docks, 26th November (R.C.Taylor).

Cornwall Cape Cornwall, 13th November (M.T.Elliot, K.A.Wilson) (Brit. Birds 94: 484 fig. 5).

Lincolnshire Gibraltar Point, 8th November (P.M.Troake, K.M.Wilson *et al.*).

Scilly St Mary's, 1st November, photo. (M.S.Scott, K.Webb *et al.*).

Shetland Kergord, 21st-22nd September (P.Sclater, J.Wolstencroft *et al.*). Fair Isle, five: 25th September to 3rd October (H.E.Maggs *et al.*); 29th September, probably same, 3rd October (C.A.Holt, D.N.Shaw); 19th October (A.J.Bull, C.A.Holt, H.E.Maggs); 26th-27th October (A.J.Bull); 10th November (A.J.Bull, M.A.Newell). Baltasound, Unst, 28th September (M.G.Pennington). Skaw, Unst, 29th September (M.G.Pennington, C.C.Rodger). Burrafirth, Unst, 2nd October (W.Dickson, C.C.Rodger). Skaw, Whalsay, 11th-13th October (Dr B.Marshall *et al.*). Virkie, dead, 26th October, specimen at National Museum of Scotland (P.V.Harvey *et al.*).

Suffolk Southwold, 12th-13th November (B.J.Small, R.Walden *et al.*).

1999 Hampshire Fareham, 27th October (A.J.Blunden).

A welcome return to form for this dynamic Asiatic pipit. After several lean years, five on Fair Isle was part of a good influx in Shetland, where the one at Kergord is the earliest autumn record in Britain. Away from Shetland, an 'OBP' is still a very creditable find on the east coast and, surprisingly, the one at Southwold was the first for Suffolk.

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus* (30, 379, 16)

Dorset Weston, Portland, 12th May (G.Walbridge).

Norfolk Holme, 22nd April (S.Betts, N.Mears, J.R.Williamson *et al.*). Winterton, 15th May (I.Smith). Burnham Norton, 16th May (A.I.Bloomfield). Stiffkey, 19th September (D.A.Bridges, A.J.L.Smith). Blakeney, 19th September (I.Burrows *et al.*); not same as Stiffkey.

Outer Hebrides St Kilda, 26th September to 2nd October (A.Robinson).

Pembrokeshire Skomer, 19th-21st October (D.J.Astins, M.J.Pilsworth, O.Roberts).

Scilly St Mary's, 1st October (T.Lowe, M.S.Scott); 25th October (R.Pulley *et al.*). Tresco, 25th October (E.A.Fisher, R.L.Flood).

Shetland Fair Isle, 11th-13th September (C.A.Holt, H.E.Maggs *et al.*); first-winter, 2nd-7th October, trapped 6th, 7th (H.E.Maggs, D.N.Shaw *et al.*).

Surrey Beddington Sewage-farm, 15th October (D.Eland, N.Gardner, G.Messenbird).

Suffolk Shingle Street, adult, trapped 30th September (P.Catchpole, J.Glazebrook).

Yorkshire, North Whitestone Point, Whitby, 20th September (R.S.Slack).

1999 Kent Motney Hill, 8th November (A.Parker).

1999 Scilly St Mary's, 12th October (M.S.Scott *et al.*).

1999 Yorkshire, East Beacon Ponds, Kilnsea, 25th-27th May, photo. (M.J.Pilsworth *et al.*).

The three additional 1999 records bring that year's total to 15

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola* (2, 122, 10)

Northumberland Farne Islands, first-winter, 26th September (D.Coath, R.M.Harvey, S.Thomas).

Orkney North Ronaldsay, first-winter, 22nd-28th September (P.French *et al.*).

Pembrokeshire Skomer, first-winter, 28th September (S.Avery, J.G.Brown, M.J.Pilsworth).

Shetland Fair Isle, first-winter, 14th-16th August (H.E.Maggs *et al.*); first-winter, 2nd September (C.A.Holt *et al.*); first-winter, 20th September (C.A.Holt). Quendale, juvenile/first-winter, 30th August to 16th September (Dr R.Riddington *et al.*). Scatness, juvenile, 13th September (Dr R.Riddington). Out Skerries, first-winter, 27th August (P.M.Ellis, J.D.Okill, P.Sclater); first-winter, 15th-16th September (P.M.Ellis, P.V.Harvey, Dr R.Riddington *et al.*).

Not atypically, the Northern Isles took the lion's share of the discoveries, with not a single mainland record. The one on Skomer was, perhaps surprisingly, the first record for Wales.

Alpine Accentor *Prunella collaris* (29, 11, 2)

Kent St Margaret's, 6th May (Dr A.M.Hanby, R.I.Jenkinson *et al.*).

Suffolk Corton, 13th May, photo. (D.Beamish, J.Napthine, R.C.Smith, J.Wylson *et al.*); possibly same as Kent.

These two were part of a small influx into northwest Europe, with one on Helgoland, Germany, and two in the Netherlands during April and May.

Thrush Nightingale *Luscinia luscinia* (2, 136, 1)

Shetland Fair Isle, 4th June (C.A.Holt).

1999 Fife Isle of May, trapped 17th May, photo. (A.Coates, C.Walton).

For such a skulking species, it perhaps not surprising that many turn up in mist nets. Like 1999, a relatively quiet year, following the eight in 1998.

Rufous Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos*

L. m. hafizi (0, 2, 0)

1971 Shetland Fair Isle, dead, 30th October, skin now at National Museum of Scotland; originally accepted as *L.m.africana/hafizi* (Brit. Birds 73: 519), now considered to relate to *L.m.hafizi*.

1991 Yorkshire, East Spurn, 6th-14th October, trapped 6th, photo. (J.Cudworth, B.R.Spence *et al.*); originally accepted as *L.m.africana/hafizi* (Brit. Birds 91: 501), but now considered to relate to *L.m.hafizi*.

The Spurn individual was quite distinctive in the field, being somewhat reminiscent of a Rufous-tailed Scrub-robin *Cercotrichas galactotes* both in appearance and in behaviour. It showed a pale supercilium, which stretched to the eye, and sandy-grey upperparts, with prominent pale fringes to the greater coverts and tertials.

Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus* (3, 22, 0)

1999 Lincolnshire Skegness, female or first-winter, 22nd-23rd October, photo. (K.E.Durose *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 267).

This brings the record 1999 total to five. In Finland, some 26 territories were located in 2000 (Birding World 14: 39), so perhaps we can expect more if the weather conditions in autumn are right.

Common Stonechat *Saxicola torquata*

Eastern race *S. t. maura/stejnegeri* (1, 278, 8)

Caernarfonshire Bardsey, female or first-winter, 14th October (S.D.Stansfield *et al.*).

Lincolnshire Saltfleet, female or first-winter, 1st-3rd October, photo. (S.E.Duffield *et al.*).

Northeast Scotland Balmedie, first-winter male, 26th-27th September, photo. (Dr I.M.Phillips, R.A.Schofield *et al.*).

Orkney Deerness, male, age uncertain, 16th-18th September (B.C., E.M. & E.Forrester *et al.*).

Shetland Fair Isle, female, 16th May (S.J.Turner *et al.*). Boddam, female or first-winter, 5th October (P.M.Ellis). Baltasound, Unst, female or first-winter, 31st October to 2nd November (W.Dickson, P.V.Harvey, M.G.Pennington). Haroldswick, Unst, female or first-winter, 13th-14th November (W.Dickson, P.V.Harvey).

BBRC is about to undertake a review of all spring records. The problem of misidentification of spring males has been high-lighted in recent articles (Brit. Birds 94: 315-318; Birding World 14: 156-158).

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina* (1, 16, 1)

Norfolk Blakeney Point, first-winter, 1st October (S.C.Joyner, A.M.Stoddart *et al.*).

With fewer than twenty records, this subtle wheatear is still a major rarity. This well-studied individual perhaps deserved a wider audience. It represents the first record in Norfolk since 1977.

Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka* (3, 41, 2)

Lincolnshire Gibraltar Point, first-winter female, 18th-26th November, photo. (G.W.Allison, S.Pettifer, K.M.Wilson *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plates 29 & 268).

Shetland Toab, male, age uncertain, 17th September (P.V.Harvey, Dr R.Riddington *et al.*).

The one at Gibraltar Point was the first for Lincolnshire. Slightly later than most previous records, it arrived during an exceptional period for eastern rarities, which included nine Hume's Warblers *Phylloscopus humei* and two Isabelline Shrikes *Lanius isabellinus*.

Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica* (15, 45, 1)

Dorset Upton Heath, first-summer female, *O.h.melanoleuca*, 25th-26th June, photo. (C.Button, J.Lidster *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: 487 fig. 6; 93: plate 213).

The rather worn plumage of this individual proved instructive. Photographs clearly showed the narrow black band on the forehead above the bill, a feature that the western form *hispanica* lacks.

Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti* (11, 66, 2)

Cleveland Boulby Cliffs, male, 12th-14th November, photo. (N.Jackson, H.Mitchell *et al.*).

Norfolk Holme, female, 2nd-4th November, photo. (P.Sands *et al.*).

A total of 79 has now occurred in Britain; why are they always so late in the year?

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius* (0, 4, 1)

Cornwall Pendeen, first-summer female, 14th-18th May, photo. (M.Southam *et al.*).

A fascinating series of records, with three birds in southwest England in the space of just seven months (see Brit. Birds 93: 551). A discussion of the earlier records of this species in Britain can be found in Brit. Birds 88: 130-132.

Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus* (0, 8, 0)

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1998 Cork Galley Head, first-year, 25th-26th October, photo. (Irish Birds 6: 398).

Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus* (1, 20, 2)

Scilly St Mary's, first-winter, 12th-19th October, photo. (M.Coller, W.Collingham, N.Pepper *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 365).

Shetland Brae, first-winter, 12th-13th October (I.Gordon, N.Milligan, P.Sclater *et al.*).

Finally, following a nine-year wait, the crowds on Scilly got to grips with this elusive thrush, raising £500 for charity in the process. On the date that the two British birds were discovered, a third individual arrived in Europe, on Ouessant, France.

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* (0, 4, 1)

Dorset Portland Bill, 15th-16th May (P.F.Baker *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 186).

Rather like buses, two arrived on the south coast almost together, 23 years after the previous one. Unfortunately, no details have been submitted of the second bird, which spent ten days at Hengistbury Head, Dorset, and which stimulated the largest twitch of the year. One at La Claire Mare, Guernsey, on 1st January, presumed to be the same as one trapped and photographed there on 24th April, was the first for the Channel Islands.

Lanceolated Warbler *Locustella lanceolata* (9, 75, 5)

Shetland Out Skerries, first-winter, 1st September (P.M.Ellis, P.V.Harvey, Dr R.Riddington). Fair Isle, first-winter, trapped 4th September (D.de Palacio, C.A.Holt *et al.*); age uncertain, 11th September (C.A.Holt *et al.*); first-winter, 12th-17th September, trapped 12th (H.E.Maggs, D.N.Shaw *et al.*); age uncertain, 16th-17th September, probably since 12th (C.A.Holt, Dr M.Whittingham *et al.*).

The one on Out Skerries becomes the earliest autumn sighting, a week earlier than the previous earliest record, and perhaps a reflection of the species prospering in Europe (there were 20 singing males in Finland in 2000, Brit. Birds 94: 424). Otherwise, Fair Isle had the monopoly: it is still reassuring to know exactly where and when to go to see this species in Britain!

Savi's Warbler *Locustella luscinioides* (many, 604, 2)

Sussex, East Locality withheld, male, 7th May, female, 10th June, both to at least 9th August, two broods raised, photo. (observers' names withheld).

It is good to know that this species still breeds in Britain occasionally, although most records appear to relate to transient males.

Paddyfield Warbler *Acrocephalus agricola* (2, 46, 0)

1999 Essex Fisher's Green, first-winter, 26th-28th October (Brit. Birds 93: 554), locality was Seventy Acres Gravel-pit, Cheshunt Gravel-pits (per A.Wilson).

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1998 Donegal Tory Island, first-winter, trapped 21st September (Irish Birds 6: 399).

No details have been received of a bird trapped at Titchfield Haven, Hampshire, in October 2000. The one in Essex in 1999 would have been in Hertfordshire prior to the county boundary changes in 1974/5.

Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum* (9, 32, 4)

Cheshire Woolston Eyes, juvenile, trapped 26th August, video., photo. (S.Kennedy *et al.*).

Highland Nigg Ferry, Easter Ross, in song, 7th-22nd June, photo. (D.Butterfield, C.H.Crooke, R.Swann *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 235).

Shetland Fair Isle, trapped 15th May (D.N.Shaw *et al.*); 12th-13th June, trapped 12th (C.A.Holt, N.Rutter, D.N.Shaw *et al.*).

The singing male in Highland provided many observers with their first opportunity to study this species in song, at least in Britain. August appears to be the month for surprise discoveries in mist nets; ringers be warned!

Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* (23, 185, 1)

Northamptonshire Earl's Barton, in song, 10th-28th June, photo. (K.Taylor, J.E.Ward *et al.*).

It is hard to miss this raucous songster, although 2000 was the quietest year since 1986. Details of a bird photographed in Lincolnshire have not yet been received.

Olivaceous Warbler *Hippolais pallida* (0, 13, 1)

Northeast Scotland Collieston, *H.p.elaeica*, 13th-21st September, trapped 15th, photo. (P.A.A.Baxter, P.S.Crockett *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 371).

All British records appear to be of the eastern form *elaeica*. It has been suggested recently that the species should be split, to recognise the eastern and western forms as separate species (Birding World 14: 192-219).

Booted Warbler *Hippolais caligata* (1, 80, 8)

Dorset Portland Bill, *H.c.rama*, trapped 1st July, photo. (M.Cade *et al.*).

Kent Bockhill, 10th September (P.J.Chantler *et al.*).

Pembrokeshire Skomer, 14th-15th September (S.Avery, M.J.Pilsworth).

Shetland Fair Isle, first-winter, 1st-2nd September, trapped 1st (C.A.Holt, D.N.Shaw *et al.*); age uncertain, trapped 10th September (A.J.Bull, C.A.Holt, D.N.Shaw *et al.*). Norwick, Unst, 15th-17th September (C.C.Rodger *et al.*). Hillwell, 23rd September (P.V.Harvey, Dr R.Riddington *et al.*).

Yorkshire, East Spurn, 26th-27th August, photo. (A.Hutt, A.Roadhouse *et al.*).

'Sykes's Warbler' *H.c.rama* is characterised by a somewhat longer bill and tail, and a shorter primary projection, compared with the nominate form *caligata*. This potential new species is just as likely to be confused with Olivaceous Warbler *H.pallida* of the form *elaeica* as it is with *caligata*. This is only the second British record of *rama* (the first was in Shetland in 1993), although some earlier records are currently under review. It is interesting to note that, while there have been no singing males in spring since 1992, breeding was proved for the first time in Finland in 2000 (Brit Birds 94: 425). The Spurn area now has nine records, second only to Fair Isle's ten.

Spectacled Warbler *Sylvia conspicillata* (0, 3, 1)

Scilly Tresco, first-winter, 15th-21st October, photo. (S.J.Broyd *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 269; 93: plate 367).

The first accepted autumn record, and, perhaps surprisingly, straightforward to identify.

Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans* (12, 435, 28)

Caernarshire Near Penmaenmawr, male, 2nd May (L.Jones). Llandudno, male, 14th-17th May (P. & R.Gallon *et al.*). Bardsey, male, 11th-13th June (N.P.Barlow, B.Craddock, S.D.Stansfield *et al.*).

Cornwall Land's End, male, 1st May, female, 1st-3rd, photo. (P.A.Maker, K.A.Wilson *et al.*). Nanjizal, female, trapped 1st May, photo. (K.A.Wilson).

Hampshire Warnford, male, 20th-23rd May (M.J.W.Hay *et al.*).

Highland Isle of Eigg, Inverness-shire, male, 29th-30th April (J.Chester, S.Sankey).

Meirionnydd Tal-y-Bont, male, 22nd April (N.Fellows).

Northumberland East Chevington, male, 6th-7th May (S.J.McElwee *et al.*). Farne Islands, male, 10th May (N.Mugan *et al.*).

Scilly St Agnes, male, 20th May (N.Wheatley); first-winter female, 4th-7th October (K.C.Osborne, D.Page *et al.*).

Shetland Fair Isle, five: first-summer female, 20th April to 3rd May, trapped 20th (D.N.Shaw *et al.*); male, 7th-11th May (C.A.Holt *et al.*); male, 14th May (C.A.Holt *et al.*); first-summer male, 1st-3rd June (C.A.Holt, E.A.Riddiford *et al.*); female, 10th June (D.de Palacio *et al.*). Noss, male, 15th May (M.Maher); another, male, 20th (M.Maher, A.J.Upton *et al.*). Hamister, Whalsay, female, 31st May to 1st June (Mr & Mrs A.R.Irvine, J.L.Irvine *et al.*). Voe, male, 16th-21st June (N.Milligan *et al.*). Foula, male, 17th June (F.Ratter). Skaw, Whalsay, male, 15th September (Dr B.Marshall).

Sussex, East Beachy Head, female or first-summer male, 21st April (P.Netherway, D.I.Smith *et al.*).

Yorkshire, East Flamborough Head, male, 5th-6th June (R.Baines, G.Chapman *et al.*). Spurn, first-summer male, trapped 12th July, photo. (D.P.Boyle *et al.*); male, 16th September (D.Hursthouse).

1989 Essex Lawford, near Manningtree, male, freshly dead, 17th April, skin at Colchester Museum, photo. (per P.Bruce, N.C.Green *et al.*).

1999 Orkney North Ronaldsay, male, 11th May (P.J.Donnelly).

Not far behind the record 36 in 1995. This former rarity is becoming more common. The next challenge will be to sort out individuals to subspecies level: *albistriata* has already occurred, but what about *moltonii*? The marvellous new guide by Shirihai *et al.* (*Sylvia* Warblers) should help in this respect.

Sardinian Warbler *Sylvia melanocephala* (1, 56, 1)

Sussex, East Roedean, male, 20th-21st April (I.T.Barnard, I.J.Whitcomb *et al.*).

Desert Warbler *Sylvia nana* (0, 10, 1)

Yorkshire, East Sammy's Point, Easington, 7th-11th May, photo. (M.Finn, A.Pauls, M.F.Stoyle *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 270; 93: plate 183).

The second for Spurn, and the first in Britain since one in Norfolk in 1993, which was also in spring. As usual with vagrants in this country, it was extremely confiding, a far cry from the species' behaviour on the breeding grounds. All the British records have been assigned to the eastern form, *nana*.

Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides* (13, 329, 16)

Cornwall Kenidjack, 24th September, photo. (J.D.Swann, T.Whiley *et al.*).

Fife Fife Ness, 3rd September (T.Glass, R.A.Lambert, Prof. T.C.Smout *et al.*).

Norfolk Blakeney Point, 26th August, photo. (B.A.E.Marr *et al.*).

Shetland Fair Isle, 19th August (H.E.Maggs); first-winter, 27th-29th August, trapped 27th (C.A.Holt, M.Pettersson *et al.*); 28th-30th August (H.E.Maggs *et al.*). Sumburgh Head, 26th August (P.V.Harvey, Dr R.Riddington *et al.*). Out Skerries, two, 27th August (P.M.Ellis, J.D.Okill, P.Sclater). Skaw, Whalsay, 27th-28th August, trapped 27th (Dr B.Marshall *et al.*). Sandwick, Whalsay, 28th August (Dr B.Marshall). Sumburgh, 4th-10th September (G.Robertson *et al.*). Geosetter, 15th-17th September (S.Holloway, S.A.Stirrup, T.J.Wilson *et al.*). Hamister, Whalsay, 16th-17th September (J.L. & J.Irvine, Dr B.Marshall).

Yorkshire, East Spurn, 27th-29th August, photo. (L.J.Degnan, A.Roadhouse *et al.*). Flamborough Head, 2nd-4th September, photo. (F.X.Moffatt *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 271; 93: plate 304).

1999 Durham Marsden, 25th August (T.I.Mills *et al.*).

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1998 Donegal Tory Island, first-winter, trapped 21st September (Irish Birds 6: 399).

None occurred in spring for the second year running.

Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis* (19, 220, 8)

Northumberland Farne Islands, 2nd-3rd September, photo. (G.Garner, A.Mills, N.Mugan).

Orkney North Ronaldsay, 5th September, photo. (P.A.Brown *et al.*); first-winter, trapped 17th September (A.E.Duncan, D.Hatton, Dr C.C.McGuigan *et al.*).

Scilly St Mary's, 6th-11th October (D.Watson *et al.*).

Shetland Fair Isle, 4th September (C.A.Holt *et al.*); 14th-15th September (A.J.Bull, C.A.Holt, D.N.Shaw *et al.*).

Suffolk Dunwich, first-winter, trapped 25th September, photo. (H.Axell, T.Hurrell, C.S.Waller *et al.*).

Yorkshire, East Spurn and Kilnsea, 7th-17th October, trapped 17th, photo. (D.P.Boyle, L.J.Degnan, D.Hursthouse *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 272; 93: plate 350).

A good tally in comparison with recent years; in fact, the best since 1997.

Hume's Warbler *Phylloscopus humei* (0, 34, 9)

Cleveland North Gare, 10th-12th November, photo. (M.A.Blick, J.Crussell *et al.*).

Dorset Portland Bill, 4th-9th December, trapped 7th, photo. (M.Cade *et al.*).

Fife Crail, 7th-8th November (N.Elkins, S.Paterson, R.Shand *et al.*).

Northumberland Low Hauxley, 7th-14th November, trapped 8th, photo. (M.J.Carr, I.Fisher *et al.*). Holy Island, 9th-13th November (S.Bearhop, P.R.Davey, S.C.Votier *et al.*).

Sussex, East Seaford, at least 9th-10th December (J.Curson, G.Gowlett, P.J.Wilson).

Yorkshire, East Flamborough Head, 11th-13th November, photo. (R.Baines, I.Forsyth, F.X.Moffatt *et al.*).

Yorkshire, North Filey, 8th November, photo. (C.C.Thomas, H.J.Whitehead *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 368). Whitestone Point, Whitby, 11th-12th November (J.A.Beaumont, R.S.Slack *et al.*).

1988 Leicestershire Ashby-de-la-Zouch, 10th January to at least 18th February (Brit. Birds 91: 506), now considered unacceptable.

1996 Scilly St Mary's, 4th-7th October, probably since 1st (Brit. Birds 91: 508), was November.

1999 Durham Whitburn, 17th-18th October (T.I.Mills *et al.*).

This year's arrival is a repeat of the influx in November 1994, when seven were recorded. With increasing observer awareness, a truer picture of the occurrence of this recently defined species is beginning to unfold.

Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi* (1, 197, 30)

Borders Mire Loch, St Abb's Head, 13th-15th October (G.Paterson *et al.*).

Cornwall Land's End, 1st October (B.R.Cox, G.Spinks, R.J.Watts). St Levan, 15th October, photo. (K.Clements *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 349). Nanjizal, 17th-18th October (K.A.Wilson).

Devon Dawlish Warren, 18th October (K.Rylands *et al.*). East Soar, 24th October (M.Knott).

Dorset Portland Bill, trapped 1st October, photo. (M.Cade *et al.*).

Essex Fairlop, 1st-2nd October (A.A.Bell *et al.*).

Kent Bockhill, 24th October (J.R. & P.J.Chantler).

Lincolnshire Grainthorpe Marsh, 1st October (H.Bunn *et al.*). Donna Nook, 1st-3rd October (G.P.Catley, N.Drinkall).

Norfolk Blakeney Point, 30th September (S.C.Joyner, A.M.Stoddart). Holkham Meals, 1st October (B.Hicks *et al.*). Scolt Head, 1st October (N.M.Lawton).

Northeast Scotland Balmedie Country Park, first-winter, trapped 26th September (R.Duncan, I.Rendall). Peterhead, 12th October (M.Innes).

Scilly St Mary's, 25th-27th October, photo. (J.K.Higginson, C.Lamsdell, S.Turner *et al.*).

Shetland West Green, Whalsay, trapped 2nd October (G.M.Buchanan, Dr B.Marshall, P.A.Thompson *et al.*). Houb, Whalsay, trapped 22nd October (Dr B.Marshall *et al.*).

Suffolk Thorpeness, at least 1st October (M.L.Cornish, D.Fairhurst).

Sussex, East Coombe Haven, Bexhill, 14th-15th October (K.Johnson, S.Richardson, I.Standivan *et al.*).

Yorkshire, East Spurn, eight: 30th September to 1st October, trapped 30th (D.P.Boyle, D.Hursthouse, T.Rogers *et al.*); 30th September to 2nd October, trapped 30th (P.J.Alker, R.J.Lowe *et al.*); 30th September to 1st October (L.J.Degnan, G.Featherstone, J.Wozencroft *et al.*); 30th September (L.J.Degnan); 1st October (T.Collins, M.Coverdale, J.Wozencroft *et al.*); 1st October (D.Hursthouse *et al.*); 1st October (L.J.Degnan *et al.*); 1st October (D.Hursthouse *et al.*).

Yorkshire, North Filey, 2nd October (P.Cunningham, S.Goodwin, R.Scullion *et al.*).

1999 Kent Bockhill, 14th October, photo. (P.J.Chantler, S.Clinch, R.Heading); 17th October (J.R. & P.J.Chantler, R.Heading, J.Russell).

1999 Scilly Watermill, St Mary's, 16th October, photo. (M.Hodgkin, M.Thomas *et al.*). Tresco, 6th October, photo. (A.Brampton, J.Miller *et al.*).

A record tally, which includes a remarkable fall of at least eight at Spurn, during just two days. Following the eleven on Scilly in October 1999, are we about to witness a dramatic increase in the numbers of this vagrant, similar to that of Pallas's Leaf Warbler *P.proregulus*? The previous best total was 22, in both 1991 and 1999.

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus* (1, 212, 11)

Cornwall Treen, 15th October (N.Hewitt, L.Lock, P.A.St Pierre *et al.*). Porthgarra, 6th November (M.D.Wallace).

Dorset Southwell, Portland, 15th-17th October (M.Cade, P.A.Coe, G.Walbridge *et al.*). Portland Bill, trapped 16th November, photo. (M.Cade *et al.*).

Norfolk Scolt Head, 30th September to 1st October (N.M.Lawton *et al.*). Blakeney Point, 16th October (S.C.Joyner, A.M.Stoddart). Great Yarmouth, 21st November (B.Hicks *et al.*).

Northumberland Low Hauxley, 7th November (M.J.Carr *et al.*).

Shetland Voxter, 29th September (G.J.A.Burton, B.A.Ryan, M.A.Warburton). Sandwick, Whalsay, trapped 29th September, photo. (G.M.Buchanan, J.L.Irvine, Dr B.Marshall).

Yorkshire, East Flamborough Head, 7th November (D.Bywater *et al.*).

1999 Norfolk Holkham Meals, 15th-16th November (J.R.McCallum *et al.*).

This species is now officially rarer than Radde's Warbler *P.schwarzi*, which finally overtook it during this autumn's record influx. The best years for Dusky Warblers were in the early 1990s, with 19 in 1990 and 22 in 1994.

Western Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli* (3, 53, 2)

Scilly St Agnes, 30th April to 5th May, photo. (J.Hale, D.Page *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 182).

Suffolk Landguard, 27th-29th May, trapped 27th, photo. (P.Holmes, J.Lees, N.Odin *et al.*).

Even if one assumes that it is now not being overlooked, Eastern Bonelli's Warbler *P.orientalis* remains a true rarity.

Iberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus brehmii* (0, 4, 1)

Cornwall Dunmere Woods, near Bodmin, in song, 13th to at least 31st May, sound-recorded (S.M.Christophers, D.A.Conway *et al.*).

The identity of single individuals trapped at Portland and on Bardsey remains inconclusive. Ideally, observers of a putative Iberian Chiffchaff should attempt to obtain sound-recordings. The Committee has received no details of a singing male reported in Oxfordshire.

Collared Flycatcher *Ficedula albicollis* (2, 21, 0)

1999 Orkney North Ronaldsay, female, 31st May, photo. (P.A.Brown, S.Holloway, T.Wilson *et al.*).

A record of one trapped on Bardsey is still under consideration.

Penduline Tit *Remiz pendulinus* (0, 145, 3)

Kent Dungeness, age uncertain, 22nd October (S.Busittil, N.A.Driver *et al.*).

Norfolk Titchwell, male, 8th-9th April, photo. (R. & J.Elvin *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 187).

Sussex, East Icklesham, male, trapped 29th September, photo. (T.Squire *et al.*).

Numbers have been declining in recent years. The Committee is still awaiting details of a bird at Gibraltar Point photographed on 13th June.

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus* (0, 1, 1)

Shetland Fair Isle, first-winter female, trapped 21st October, photo. (J.N.Dymond, D.N.Shaw *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 273).

Unfortunately for some, this remained for only one day, but it played its part in what became a 'classic' autumn for Siberian vagrants. Fair Isle's best birds seem to turn up in October ('the later it gets, the bigger they come'), and an exciting account of this discovery can be found in *Birding Scotland* 4: 33-35.

Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus* (1, 53, 3)

Cambridgeshire Nene Washes, female, 8th-9th September, photo. (J.P.Taylor *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 347).

Northumberland Whitley Bay, first-winter, 9th-21st November, photo. (N.P.Dales, K.W.Regan *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plates 25 & 274).

Yorkshire, East Flamborough Head, first-winter, 8th-10th November, photo. (F.X.Moffatt *et al.*).

The adult female in Cambridgeshire was identified as being of the race *isabellinus*, colloquially known as 'Daurian Shrike'. An in-depth study of the racial attribution of all British records is in progress. A comprehensive appraisal of the 'Red-tailed Shrike' complex can be found in *Dutch Birding* 22: 323-362.

Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor* (32, 128, 1)

Shetland Hillwell, first-winter, 23rd September to 9th October, photo. (P.V.Harvey, Dr R.Riddington *et al.*).

Another first-winter in Shetland, which is developing quite a reputation for this species.

Southern Grey Shrike *Lanius meridionalis* (1, 14, 1)

Orkney Windwick, South Ronaldsay, first-winter, *L.m.pallidirostris*, 22nd September (K. Fairclough, A.C.Knight).

The first since 1997, and another 'Steppe Grey Shrike', *L.m.pallidirostris*. All sixteen British records of this species are of this form.

Nutcracker *Nucifraga caryocatactes* (45, 355, 0)

1996 Hampshire Denny Wood, 29th December (D.Houghton), previously rejected (Brit. Birds 90: 519); now considered acceptable.

Rosy Starling *Sturnus roseus* (160, 384, 37)

Angus & Dundee Montrose, juvenile, 2nd-5th October, photo. (H.Bell, E.McCabe, R.McCurley).

Avon Hanham, Bristol, adult, 14th December to 2001, photo. (R.Laughton *et al.*).

Caernarfonshire Bardsey, juvenile, 14th October (A.W.G.John, S.D.Stansfield *et al.*).

Cornwall Pelynt, juvenile, 7th November to 14th December, photo. (C.Beasley, J. & A.Griffiths *et al.*).

Cumbria Beckfoot, adult, 15th June (D.M. & B.M.White).

Devon Near Beer, adult, 3rd June (M.H.Rigby). Crediton, adult, 13th June (T.Jones, M.Russell).

Dorset Portland area, adult, 4th-5th June, photo. (P.Gale *et al.*); same, 11th, 16th (G.Walbridge). Swanage, 5th June (P.Prestige). Lodmoor, juvenile, 27th-28th August (J.R.Smart *et al.*). Portland Bill, juvenile, 15th October (R.S.Ingram, B.E. & B.Slade *et al.*). The Grove, Portland, juvenile, 16th October (M.Snell, D. & G.Walbridge *et al.*).

Glamorgan Aberdare, adult, late August, photo. (J.Ownes). Nash Point, juvenile, 23rd September (D.Bolt).

Hampshire Fleet, adult, 25th-26th June (J.M.Clark *et al.*). Calshot Marshes, juvenile, 4th-8th October (J.G.Ross *et al.*).

Highland Laide, Wester Ross, adult, 11th-16th June, photo. (P.King).

Lincolnshire Donna Nook, juvenile, trapped 21st September, photo. (J.R.Mawer, M.Sizer).

Moray & Nairn New Elgin, adult, date uncertain, July, photo. (Mr & Mrs Ogilvie per R.A.Mavor, R.Proctor).

Northeast Scotland Dyce, Aberdeen, adult, 9th June (I.Broadbent, Dr I.M.Phillips *et al.*). Buckie, adult, 18th June (Mr & Mrs J.Russell).

Northumberland Bedlington, adult, 6th-17th June, photo. (I.Fisher, M.P.Frankis, Mr Nesbitt *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 217). Seahouses, adult, 25th-28th June, photo. (I.Fisher, D.A.King *et al.*). Felton, adult, 6th-21st August, photo. (S.Sexton, M.Winter *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: 497 fig. 7).

Orkney Evie, adult, 12th-20th June (I.Dillon *et al.*). Kirkwall, adult, 25th-26th June, photo. (C.J.Booth, I.Cameron *et al.*). North Ronaldsay, juvenile, 4th-12th September, photo. (R.McGregor *et al.*).

Pembrokeshire Skokholm, adult, 8th-10th June (G.Thompson *et al.*). Strumble Head, juvenile, 10th-12th September (S.E.Berry *et al.*).

Scilly St Mary's, adult, 17th July (K.Sawyer, C.Wood *et al.*); juvenile/first-winter, 24th October (D.Page *et al.*); present 7th-30th, photo. St Agnes, juvenile, 8th-18th November (M.E.Hicks, D.Page, N.Wheatley *et al.*).

Shetland Fair Isle, adult, 1st July (C.A.Holt, B.L.Skinner *et al.*). Sumburgh, first-winter, 7th-11th October (D.Coutts, P.M.Ellis, I.Sandison *et al.*). Lerwick, juvenile, 19th-29th October (G.R. & D.Ball *et al.*).

Sussex, West Southwater, Horsham, juvenile, 21st-28th October, video. (D.J. & S.R.Cocker).

Yorkshire, North Ripon, first-summer, 15th-24th April, photo. (J.R.Mather, R.Rumbold, D.Woodford *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 143).

1999 Cornwall Helston, adult, 10th June (E.James).

1999 Suffolk Hollesley, adult, 20th June (A.Johnson); Same, Trimley St Mary, 21st (J.Smith *et al.*).

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1998 Wexford Lady's Island Lake, first-year, trapped, 28th September to 24th October (Irish Birds 6: 400).

An impressive mid-summer influx of at least 20 adult and first-summer birds, which was subsequently repeated in 2001. From January 2002, BBRC will no longer consider records of this species (see Brit. Birds 94: 290).

Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis* (0, 6, 1)

Cornwall Cawsand, male, 12th November (D.Clegg, S.C.Madge *et al.*).

Now that the long-staying individual in Cumbria has departed, this sighting marks a return to form for this major rarity.

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus* (1, 115, 11)

Cornwall Porthgwarra, 27th-30th September (M.D.Wallace *et al.*). Kenidjack, 28th September to 1st October (M.S.Wallen *et al.*). Nanquidno, 5th October, photo. (I.M.Wilson *et al.*); present 1st-5th. Cot Valley, 18th October, photo. (I.M.Wilson *et al.*).

Devon Lundy, 5th-12th October, trapped 5th (R.M.Patient *et al.*).

Outer Hebrides Stornoway, Lewis, 21st October (R.D.Wemyss).

Scilly St Mary's, 28th September (M.S.Scott *et al.*); another, 5th-6th October; presumed same, 8th-12th (C.Wills *et al.*). Bryher, 28th-29th September; presumed same, 4th-8th October, photo. (S.J.Dodgson *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 93: plate 348). Tresco, 1st October (M.G.Telfer *et al.*). Gugh, 15th-20th October (D.Page *et al.*).

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1992 Cork Mizen Head, 4th October (Irish Birds 6: 400).

1995 Cork Baltimore, 13th October (Irish Birds 6: 400).

Yet another multiple arrival of this elusive Nearctic passerine. While Scilly and Land's End were flooded with vireos, the real prize was, however, found elsewhere in the form of Europe's first Blue-winged Warbler *Vermivora pinus*, on Cape Clear Island, Co. Cork. The five Red-eyed Vireos on Scilly bring the islands' aggregate total to 38, with details of one, seen on St Agnes, still to be submitted.

Arctic Redpoll *Carduelis hornemanni* (30, 751, 4)

Caithness Mey, 9th-13th January (J.Smith *et al.*).

Outer Hebrides Stilligarry, North Uist, 13th December (G.Evans, A.Stevenson).

Shetland Hamister, Whalsay, 1st November (Dr B.Marshall *et al.*).

At Sea Sea area Forties, Oil installation *Buchan Alpha*, 57°54'N 00°02'E, 4th July (P.F.Baker).

1989 Shetland Fair Isle, first-winter male, 4th-18th October, trapped 5th, 14th, photo. (Brit. Birds 83: 488, plate 72), was *C.h.hornemanni*.

1996 Norfolk Belvoir Street, Norwich, male and three others, 11th March (A.M.Stoddart *et al.*).

1999 Caithness Barrock, first-winter, probably *C.h.hornemanni*, 6th-7th February, video. (J.Smith *et al.*).

The additional 1996 records bring the official total for that year to 277.

Two-barred Crossbill *Loxia leucoptera* (40, 83, 1)

Cumbria Sedbergh, male, 15th-17th May, photo. (T. & K.Hannam).

A superb male, photographed at a garden bird feeder. This is the first May record since 3rd May 1931, when one was reported at Goathland, North Yorkshire.

Parrot Crossbill *Loxia pytyopsittacus* (10, 481, 0)

1962 Shetland Spiggie, male, dead, 12th October, photo., skin at National Museum of Scotland (per M.G.Pennington).

A fine piece of detective work.

Pine Grosbeak *Pinicola enucleator* (7, 3, 1)

Shetland Maywick, first-winter male, 9th November, photo. (P.Bentley, H.R.Harrop *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 32).

One of the classic rarities, and perhaps the most sought-after by today's generation of twitchers. The promise of more to come from the huge invasion into southern Scandinavia was not fulfilled.

Blackpoll Warbler *Dendroica striata* (0, 36, 1)

Lancashire & North Merseyside Seaforth, male, 2nd June, photo. (C.Sharratt, S.J.White *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 275; 93: plates 206 & 201).

One of the real surprises of the spring, at a site more used to hosting Nearctic sparrows. This is the first spring record, and also the first to reach Europe in breeding plumage.

Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis* (1, 21, 2)

Caithness Duncansby, male, 26th-29th April (S.Laybourne, D.Watt).

At Sea Sea area Dogger, Oil installation *Maersk Curlew*, 56°44'N 01°17'E, male, 4th May, photo. (L.Simpson).

Although not previously published as such, all records prior to 1980 also involved males. In fact, a female has yet to be identified in Britain.

Cretzschmar's Bunting *Emberiza caesia* (0, 3, 0)

1998 Orkney Stronsay, male, 14th-18th May, photo. (W.Barkley, J.F.Holloway, S.J.Williams *et al.*).

One of the star birds of 1998 finally makes it into the record books. An enviable discovery, which follows two previous spring records from Fair Isle, Shetland.

Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica* (34, 395, 12)

Cleveland Old Cemetery, Hartlepool, 25th September, photo. (B.Beck, R.C.Taylor *et al.*).

Cornwall Between St Levan and Porthgwarra, 7th October (M.D.Wallace).

Denbigh Abergele, male, 7th April, dead 9th, photo., skin at British Museum (C.Williams per I.Higginson).

Norfolk Stiffkey, 2nd-9th October, photo. (D.Nurney, D.Ritchie *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: 499 fig. 8).

Outer Hebrides St Kilda, male, 21st May; age/sex uncertain, 20th September; another, 25th September to 1st October (A.Robinson).

Scilly St Agnes, 10th October (K.A.Shaw, M.D.Wilson).

Shetland Northdale, Unst, 28th September (W.Dickson, C.C.Rodger); another, 17th October (K.Osborn). Fair Isle, 12th-13th October (D.N.Shaw *et al.*).

Yorkshire, East Spurn, male, 4th-5th April (D.P.Boyle *et al.*).

1999 Scilly St Agnes, 20th-21st October (N.Wheatley *et al.*).

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1998 Cork Dursey Island, male, 2nd June (Irish Birds 6: 401).

This species has now joined the 'BBRC 400 Club', one of only a handful of rarities to be seen on over 400 occasions in Britain since 1958.

Yellow-breasted Bunting *Emberiza aureola* (10, 196, 5)

Fife Balcomie, female, probably adult, 21st September, photo. (G.Owens, R.Shand *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 276).

Outer Hebrides St Kilda, female or first-winter, 5th-6th September (A.Robinson).

Scilly Tresco, female or first-winter, 24th-26th September, photo. (R.A.Filby, D.Page *et al.*).

Shetland Skelberry, female or first-winter, 2nd September (P.V.Harvey, Dr R.Riddington); female or first-winter, 2nd-3rd October (A.E.Blake, Dr R.Riddington *et al.*).

1999 Suffolk Landguard, male, trapped 12th August (Brit. Birds 93: 564), now considered of captive origin.

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1998 Donegal Tory Island, female or first-winter, 21st September (Irish Birds 6: 401).

No details have yet been received of one photographed at Spurn. This individual appeared briefly, when it was captured on film, and then vanished, despite the presence of many birders. How many more slip by unnoticed?

Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza melanocephala* (9, 140, 13)

Argyll North Connel, male, 15th June (Miss J.Shepherd, G. & C.Watson).

Caernarfonshire Bardsey, male, 6th June (J.Moore, M.Richards, S.D.Stansfield); another, 30th (S.D.Stansfield).

Cornwall Nanjizal, male, 26th May (K.A.Wilson).

Devon Peter Tavy, male, 20th-26th May (M.R.Bellamy, R.A.Jones, S.Sykes).

Dorset Portland Bill, male, 16th July, photo. (M.Cade *et al.*).

Highland Isle of Eigg, Inverness-shire, male, 1st August (J.Chester, J.Williams). Glencoe, Inverness-shire, male, 27th-30th September, photo. (Mr & Mrs A.Lackey *et al.*).

Orkney Swannay, Birsay, male, 17th-18th June (K. & S.Fairclough *et al.*).

Shetland Norwick, Unst, male, 5th July to 1st August, photo. (W.Dickson, W.Priest, C.C.Rodger *et al.*). Sumburgh, male, 25th August (G.R.Ball *et al.*). Out Skerries, first-winter, 15th-21st September, photo. (P.M.Ellis, P.V.Harvey, Dr R.Riddington *et al.*).

Yorkshire, East Flamborough Head, male, 8th-12th July, photo. (N.A.Parker *et al.*).

Another good year for this species, in fact the best since 1992 when there were 13. Although the odd individual can be traced to captive origin, surely most of these are genuine vagrants; records are becoming increasingly regular. A pair bred in France in 2000, fledging three young (Brit. Birds 94: 429).

Bobolink *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* (0, 22, 1)

Shetland Out Skerries, first-winter, 21st-22nd September, photo. (P.Forrest, M.J.McKee, C.Turner, T.Warwick) (Brit. Birds 94: plate 277; 93: plate 366.)

1996 Scilly Tresco, 11th October, presumed same, Bryher, 12th-15th (Brit. Birds 90: 517), first noted, Bryher, 8th (C.Wood).

The fourth for Shetland, compared with 12 on Scilly.

Appendix 1. Category D species accepted (see Ibis 136: 253)

Falcated Duck *Anas falcata* (0, 15, 1)

Orkney Shapinsay, male, found shot, 24th November, skin at National Museum of Scotland, photo. (I.Dillon *et al.*).

Marbled Duck *Marmaronetta angustirostris* (0, 12, 1)

Norfolk Kelling, 23rd April (Dr M.P.Taylor *et al.*).

Daurian Starling *Sturnus sturninus* (0, 3, 0)

1998 Highland Durness, Sutherland, age uncertain, 24th-27th September, photo. (A.Vittery *et al.*).

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 Hon. Secretary; b) those which, even if circulated, were not attributed by the observer(s) to any definite species; c) those mentioned in '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 that the identification was fully established; only in a very few cases were we satisfied that a mistake had been made.

2000 White-billed Diver Cape Cornwall, Cornwall, 20th October. **Madeira/Cape Verde Petrel** Portland Bill, Dorset, 13th August. **Wilson's Storm-petrel** Towan Head, Cornwall, 9th July; Sea area Plymouth, two, 17th August. **Swinhoe's Storm-petrel** Sea area Malin, 5th September. **Cattle Egret** Near Dunblane, Forth Area, 7th May. **Great White Egret** Littlehampton, West Sussex, two, 4th August; Sheffield Park, East Sussex, 22nd November. **Black Stork** *Ciconia nigra* Glen More, Mull, Argyll, 16th May. **Brent Goose** *B.b.nigricans* Holkham, Norfolk, 10th December. **American Wigeon** Abermenai, Anglesey, 28th September. **Ferruginous Duck** Stanford Reservoir, Leicestershire/Northamptonshire, four, 6th September. **Lesser Scaup** Stithians Reservoir, Cornwall, 27th January; Meare Heath, Somerset, 16th September; Boultham Mere, Lincolnshire, 1st October; Ulva Pools, Argyll, 13th October. **Black Kite** Butler's Marston, Warwickshire, 7th April; Weybourne, Norfolk, 8th April; Morden, Dorset, 27th April; Banchory, Northeast Scotland, 28th April; Middlemarsh, Dorset, 2nd May; St Buryan, Cornwall, 13th May; Dursley, Gloucestershire, 20th May; Unstead, Surrey, 16th July; Blacklands Lane, Isle of Wight, 17th July; Ballard Down, Dorset, 3rd September. **Short-toed Eagle** *Circaetus gallicus* Church Norton, West Sussex, 11th May. **Booted Eagle** *Hieraetus pennatus* Crediton, Devon, 2nd January; Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, 24th May. **Red-footed Falcon** Nene Washes, Cambridgeshire, 13th May; Whitestone Point, Whitby, North Yorkshire, 14th May; Weybourne, Norfolk, 21st September. **Gyr Falcon** West Yell, Shetland, 25th February; St Kilda, Outer Hebrides, 8th April; Haslemere, Surrey, 12th April; Scarborough, North Yorkshire, 27th August; Saltholme Pools, Cleveland, 1st October. **Collared Pratincole** Llandudno, Caernarfonshire, 30th June to 1st July. **Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus* Machrihanish, Argyll, 5th July. **Pacific Golden Plover** Holland Haven, Essex, 1st October. **Sociable Lapwing** Druridge, Northumberland, 22nd April. **Semipalmated Sandpiper** Blyth Estuary, Northumberland, 27th August; Monks' Wall, Kent, 20th October. **Broad-billed Sandpiper** Oare Marshes, Kent, 9th October; Colchester, Essex, 23rd October. **Great Snipe** North Ronaldsay, Orkney, 20th September, 15th October; Ringasta, Shetland, 26th September; Papa Westray, Orkney, 21st October. **Dowitcher sp.** Marshside Marsh, Lancashire & North Merseyside, 7th August. **Marsh Sandpiper** Atherfield Green, Isle of Wight, 29th July; Alaw Estuary, Anglesey, 3rd October. **Lesser Yellowlegs** Scarborough, North Yorkshire, 17th October. **Spotted Sandpiper** Poole Harbour, Dorset, 15th October. **Franklin's Gull** Potteric Carr, South Yorkshire, 4th January; Ellesmere, Shropshire, 15th-16th January; Staines Reservoirs, Surrey, 1st May; Montrose, Angus & Dundee, 11th September. **Bonaparte's Gull** Icklesham, East Sussex, 29th April; Camel Estuary, Cornwall, 26th May; Channel View, near Clevedon, Avon, 9th December. **Gull-billed Tern** Holme, Norfolk, 1st September; Cape Cornwall, Cornwall, 19th October; Weybourne, Norfolk, 26th October. **Caspian Tern** Holy Island, Northumberland, 2nd August. **Royal Tern** *Sterna maxima* St Mary's, Scilly, intermittently, 18th-30th July. **Whiskered Tern** Burgh Castle, Norfolk, 7th May. **Brünnich's Guillemot** Dungeness, Kent, 25th April. **Eurasian Scops Owl** Compton Dando, Avon, 10th April. **Snowy Owl** Ballater, Northeast Scotland, 26th December. **Pallid Swift** Seaford, East Sussex, 16th August. **Pacific Swift** *Apus pacificus* Fairford, Gloucestershire, 26th May. **Crag Martin** *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* Farne Islands, Northumberland, 25th April. **Cliff Swallow** Marline Valley, Hastings, East Sussex, 1st October. **Olive-backed Pipit** Cuckmere Valley, East Sussex, 14th November. **Red-throated Pipit** Fair Isle, Shetland, 23rd-26th September; Conwy, Caernarfonshire, 3rd-5th October; St Mary's, Scilly, 6th October; Marazion, Cornwall, 7th October; Southwold, Suffolk, 17th October. **Citrine Wagtail** Willington Gravel-pits, Bedfordshire, 17th October. **Thrush Nightingale** Burwick, South Ronaldsay, Orkney, 20th September. **Common Stonechat** *S.t.maura/stejnegeri* Lyng/Easthough, Norfolk, 13th April; Fiddlers Ferry, Cheshire, 15th-22nd October. **Black-eared Wheatear** Blakeney Point, Norfolk, 9th September; Bury, Greater Manchester, 18th September; The Lizard, Cornwall, 20th October. **Desert Wheatear** Hares Creek, Suffolk, 4th September. **Siberian Thrush** *Zoothera sibirica* Ashlawn Cutting Nature Reserve, Warwickshire, 7th December. **Grey-cheeked Thrush** *Catharus minimus* Papa Westray, Orkney, 26th October; Bangor, Caernarfonshire, 3rd-4th November. **Dark-throated Thrush** *Turdus ruficollis ruficollis* Beaumaris, Anglesey, 29th April. **American Robin** *Turdus migratorius* Hitchin, Hertfordshire, 10th April; Heyshott, West Sussex, 18th May. **Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler** *Locustella certhiola* Farne Islands, Northumberland, 19th August. **Savi's Warbler** Loch of Strathbeg, Northeast Scotland, 28th-30th April. **Paddyfield Warbler** Fair Isle, Shetland, 22nd September. **Blyth's Reed Warbler** Lowestoft, Suffolk, 15th-18th October. **Booted Warbler** Papa Westray, Orkney, 1st-3rd October. **Sardinian Warbler** St Mary's, Scilly, 18th April. **Greenish Warbler** Syderstone, Norfolk, 30th July; Voe, Shetland, 28th August; Holkham Meals, Norfolk, 31st August. **Eastern/Western Bonelli's Warbler** Frampton-on-Severn, Gloucestershire, 27th July. **Penduline Tit** Filsham, East Sussex, 30th January. **Arctic Redpoll** Pitsford Reservoir, Northamptonshire,

25th January. **Parrot Crossbill** Glen Markie, Angus & Dundee, five, 3rd December. **Ovenbird** *Seiurus aurocapillus* Peel, Isle of Man, 12th October.

1999 Wilson's Storm-petrel Strumble Head, Pembrokeshire, 9th September. **Black Duck** Skelbo, Highland, 26th October to 25th January 2000. **Canvasback** Monks' Wall, Kent, 10th-11th June. **Harlequin Duck** *Histrionicus histrionicus* Peterhead, Northeast Scotland, 6th November. **Short-toed Eagle** Pagham Harbour, West Sussex, 23rd October. **Red-footed Falcon** Spurn, East Yorkshire, 3rd June; Worth Matravers, Dorset, 10th September. **Little Crake** Woolston Eyes, Cheshire, 19th-20th June. **American Golden Plover** Browdown, Hampshire, 3rd September; Brora, Highland, 22nd September; Needs Ore Point, Hampshire, 31st October to 28th November. **Pacific Golden Plover** Flamborough Head, East Yorkshire, 3rd October. **Killdeer Plover** *Charadrius vociferus* St Mary's, Scilly, 31st October. **Baird's Sandpiper** Davidstow Airfield, Cornwall, 7th October. **Red-necked Stint** Point of Ayr, Flintshire, 16th May; North Ronaldsay, Orkney, 17th May. **Broad-billed Sandpiper** Elmley, Kent, 29th May; North Ronaldsay, Orkney, 1st June. **Great Snipe** Irt Estuary, Cumbria, 26th July. **Laughing Gull** Woolston Eyes, Cheshire, 1st May; Pennington, Hampshire, 16th May; Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire, 23rd September. **Bonaparte's Gull** Steart, Somerset, 13th July. **Ross's Gull** Lothbeg Point, Highland, 21st September. **Gull-billed Tern** Spurn, East Yorkshire, 3rd July. **Lesser Crested Tern** *Sterna bengalensis* Selsey Bill, West Sussex, 9th May. **Bridled Tern** *Sterna anaethetus* Flamborough Head, East Yorkshire, 14th August. **White-winged Black Tern** Flamborough Head, East Yorkshire, 14th August. **Alpine Swift** Peveril Down, Dorset, 4th June; Swan Village, West Midlands, 3rd August; Higham, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, 27th September; Beadnell, Northumberland, two, 29th September. **Olive-backed Pipit** Marloes, Pembrokeshire, 19th October. **Pied Wheatear** Happisburgh, Norfolk, 2nd October. **Black-eared Wheatear** Eyemouth, Borders, 1st May. **Desert Wheatear** St Kilda, Outer Hebrides, 20th-23rd October. **Savi's Warbler** Stanpit Marsh, Dorset, 5th August.

1998 Herald Petrel *Pterodroma arminjoniana* Dungeness, Kent, 4th January. **Wilson's Storm-petrel** Pendeen, Cornwall, 10th September. **Saker Falcon** *Falco cherrug* Unst, Shetland, 10th, 28th-29th January, 27th April. **Bonaparte's Gull** Near Castletown, Isle of Man, 25th July. **Alpine Swift** Weybourne, Norfolk, 12th May. **Pechora Pipit** *Anthus gustavi* Trimley Marshes, Suffolk, 14th October. **Blyth's Reed Warbler** Flamborough Head, East Yorkshire, 29th September. **Dusky Warbler** Draycote Water, Warwickshire, 30th November. **White-crowned Sparrow** *Zonotrichia leucophrys* Middle Hope Nature Reserve, Avon, 15th November.

1997 Little Bittern Near White Horse Common, Norfolk, 31st May. **Saker Falcon** Fetlar, Shetland, 16th December. **White-winged Black Tern** Hogganfield Loch, Clyde, 7th September. **Pacific Swift** St Mary's, Scilly, 23rd September. **Pine Grosbeak** Moreton, Cheshire, 26th April.

1996 Lesser Striped Swallow *Hirundo abyssinica* Hurst Green, East Sussex, 17th October.

1995 Little Shearwater Sheringham, Norfolk, 19th September. **Lesser White-fronted Goose** Near Sandygate, Isle of Man, 19th February, 18th March. **Semipalmated Sandpiper** South Huish, Devon, 8th-19th October. **Black-eared Wheatear** Great Orme's Head, Caernarfonshire, 19th-21st October.

1994 Blyth's Pipit Flamborough Head, East Yorkshire, 30th April.

1993 Hume's Warbler Bridlington, East Yorkshire, 11th February.

1991 River Warbler *Locustella fluviatilis* Sea area Fair Isle, 8th October. **Hume's Warbler** Stoneleigh, Surrey, 17th February to 2nd March.

1988 Hume's Warbler Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, 10th January to 18th February.

1971 Black-browed Albatross Looe, Cornwall, November. **Red-footed Falcon** Thursley Common, Surrey, 7th-8th September.

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.

Wood Duck *Aix sponsa* Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, male, 20th-27th April 2000. **White-headed Duck** *Oxyura leucocephala* Abberton Reservoir, Essex, female, 17th September to 28th October 1999. **Pallas's Rosefinch** *Carpodacus roseus* Fair Isle, Shetland, female or first-summer, 12th-17th May 2000, trapped 12th. **Long-tailed Rosefinch** *Uragus sibiricus* Calf of Man, Isle of Man, female, 30th April to 16th July 2000, trapped 30th April.

Appendix 4. List of selected records still under consideration

This list is not intended to be complete. Some decisions may have been arrived at and notified to County Recorders/observers prior to the publication of this Report.

2000 Southern Giant Petrel *Macronectes giganteus* Skokholm, Pembrokeshire, 16th August. **American Golden Plover** Holm, Orkney, 7th September. **Pacific Golden Plover** South Uist, Outer Hebrides, 31st July. **Broad-billed Sandpiper** Endrick Mouth, Clyde, 17th May; Nosterfield, North Yorkshire, 15th-16th September. **Great Snipe** North Ronaldsay, Orkney, 24th September; Fazakerley, Lancashire & North Merseyside, 18th November to 2001. **Marsh Sandpiper** Filey, North Yorkshire, 30th July. **Solitary Sandpiper** Hayle, Cornwall, 28th September. **Spotted Sandpiper** Steart, Somerset, 31st August to 3rd September. **Slender-billed Gull** Cley, Norfolk, 22nd May. **Yellow Wagtail** *M.f.feldegg* Ripon, North Yorkshire, 12th May. **Common Stonechat** *S.t.maura/stejnegeri* Spurn, East Yorkshire, 16th September. **Iberian Chiffchaff** Bardsey, Caernarfonshire, 2nd October. **Collared Flycatcher** Bardsey, Caernarfonshire, 26th September. **Lesser Grey Shrike** Catfirth, Shetland, 12th September.

1999 Little Shearwater St Mary's, Scilly, 18th September (Brit. Birds 93: 567). **Great Snipe** North Ronaldsay, Orkney, 23rd-24th September (Brit. Birds 93: 567). **Blyth's Pipit** Happisburgh, Norfolk, 25th-28th September (Brit. Birds 93: 567). **Yellow Wagtail** *M.f.feldegg* Maylandsea, Essex, 24th May to 4th June. **Pied/Black-eared Wheatear** Deerness, Orkney, 16th October (Brit. Birds 93: 567).

1998 Lesser Scaup Ham Road Gravel-pits, Kent, 17th December to 2nd January 1999 (Brit. Birds 93: 567). **Wilson's Snipe** *Gallinago (gallinago) delicata* St Mary's, Scilly, 9th October to 1999 (Brit. Birds 93: 567). **Slender-billed Curlew** *Numenius tenuirostris* Druridge Pools, Northumberland, 5th-7th May (Brit. Birds 93: 567). **Isabelline Wheatear** Bryher, Scilly, 30th October to 1st November (Brit. Birds 93: 567). **Black-headed Bunting** North Ronaldsay, Orkney, 27th-28th September (Brit. Birds 93: 567).

1997 Wilson's Snipe St Mary's, Scilly, 19th October (Brit. Birds 93: 567).

1996 South Polar Skua *Catharacta maccormicki* Dawlish Warren, Devon, January, February; presumed same, South Bexington, Dorset, January, February.

1995 Blyth's Pipit St Mary's, Scilly, 9th-10th October (Brit. Birds 93: 567).

1993 South Polar Skua Sea area Sole, 26th August (Brit. Birds 93: 567).

1988 Blyth's Pipit Fair Isle, Shetland, 13th-22nd October (Brit. Birds 93: 567).

1962 Olivaceous Warbler St Agnes, Scilly, 30th September to 2nd October (Brit. Birds 93: 567).

1961 Olivaceous Warbler St Agnes, Scilly, 3rd-4th October (Brit. Birds 93: 567).



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