

## SYSTEMATIC LIST OF BIRDS, 1982

The sequence and nomenclature follow that of *A Species List of British and Irish Birds* (revised 1978 to follow the Voous sequence), published by the British Trust for Ornithology.

**Great Northern Diver** *Gavia immer*. Only two were seen in Spring on 24th March. In Autumn a single on 27th September was followed by singles on 12th and 26th November and up to two from 14th December to end of year.

**Fulmar** *Fulmarus glacialis*. Present and breeding as usual with up to four in January, ten in February but no peak in December this year.

**Manx Shearwater** *Puffinus puffinus*. Noted from 31st March and during April increasing to about 100 on 3rd May, 600 on 22nd May, 400 on 23rd May, 250 on 25th May, 150 on 30th May, up to 100 in June, 200 counted on 4th July a single on 26th August was the only other record.

**Storm Petrel** *Hydrobates pelagicus*. One single was seen on 3rd June.

**Gannet** *Sula bassana*. Two on 11th March, up to four during April, up to seven regular during May with about 50 on 29th May, up to 100 during June, 43 on 5th July, 40 frequent in August, 25 on 3rd September, not more than ten during November.

**Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo*. Up to twelve regular during April with 44 on 12th April, up to eight in May, eleven on 27th August, 26 counted on 23rd September, 20 on 3rd October and seven on 10th November.

**Shag** *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*. Present in good numbers and breeding as usual.

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*. A single of this occasional visitor appeared on 28th and 30th May, two on 11th June, one on 25th June, a single three times in July, two on 29th August, singles on 5th October and the last one on 27th November.

**White-fronted Goose** *Anser albifrons*. A single of this infrequent visitor to Lundy was recorded on 15th November and 3rd December.

**Wigeon** *Anas penelope*. A scarce winter visitor to Lundy and the record of six on 14th January was the only occasion during the year.

**Gadwall** *Anas strepera*. One of these rare vagrants which have only been recorded three times before on Lundy stayed from 3rd to 5th September.

**Teal** *Anas crecca*. A casual visitor but fourteen appeared on 10th January staying to 14th, two on 26th February, one on 6th April, one on 7th, two on 8th October, a single on 5th December.

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*. An irregular winter visitor to Lundy, up to six were recorded five times in January, one on 8th April, two on 1st October were the only ones recorded.

**Pochard** *Aythya ferina*. Only four reports for Lundy since 1939 until the fifth appeared on 18th September, staying until 21st.

**Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus*. One only on 9th and 10th May.

**Hen Harrier** *Circus cyaneus*. One from 25th to 30th March, a male on 5th April and a female on 26th April, one from 24th to 31st October and a ringtail from 1st to 6th November. A Harrier sp. on 18th September was probably of this species.

**Buzzard** *Buteo buteo*. A single, probably this species on 31st October.

**Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus*. One from 3rd to 15th April, two on 18th and 19th August, singles on 28th and 31st August and regular during September, up to three during October but not seen again after 30th October

**Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*. Bred successfully as it did also in 1981 but not mentioned in the report. Regularly seen with five counted on 12th April, six on 28th July, still present at the end of the year.

**Merlin** *Falco columbarius*. A rare Spring migrant to Lundy and one stayed from 6th to 12th April, two on 3rd May with singles on 4th and 5th. One Autumn migrant on 26th September, singles five times October, the last date was 26th October.

**Hobby** *Falco subbuteo*. A very rare visitor but one in Spring from 13th to 15th May and singles in Autumn from 21st September to 3rd October.

**Peregrine** *Falco peregrinus*. Seen regularly but no daily records kept.

**Water Rail** *Rallus aquaticus*. A regular passage migrant and winter visitor and two were frequently seen in January with a single on 2nd and 11th March but none during the Summer until one on 19th September after which one or two were frequent until the end of the year.

**Corncrake** *Crex crex*. One only was found on 7th September of this species which used to occur fairly regularly although the last one was on 7th September 1979.

**Oystercatcher** *Haematopus ostralegus*. Resident as usual and a few pairs bred. Only casually counted in small number.

**Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula*. A scarce Spring migrant and single birds were recorded from 4th April until 29th but no more until two on 27th August but then singles were regular until the last one on 19th September.

**Dotterel** *Charadrius morinellus*. One single in Spring on 13th April was followed in the Autumn by singles on 9th, 10th, 27th August, 3rd, 4th September, three on 5th, two on 7th, singles on 8th, 11th and 20th September but none later.

**Golden Plover** *Pluvialis apricaria*. Nine on 8th January, seven on 14th, singles on 8th, 9th, 26th, 27th February, 2nd March, increased to ten on 17th March, up to five during April, singles five times in May, then a single in August on 27th was followed by up to three during September and October with singles 10th and 15th November and 2nd December.

**Lapwing** *Vanellus vanellus*. Resident and breeding as usual. Up to 70 in March, no large Autumn migrant numbers but a few were still present in December.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** *Calidris pusilla*. This very rare vagrant has only arrived once before when a single appeared on 8th September 1966 has now been followed by a second which stayed from 22nd to 25th August.

**Pectoral Sandpiper** *Calidris melanotos*. A very rare vagrant, only 13 Autumn occurrences before this single on 19th September increased to two on 25th to 29th September, one staying to 29th.

**Curllew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea*. A rare vagrant to Lundy, only ten dated records until this single stayed from 19th to 22nd September.

**Purple Sandpiper** *Calidris maritima*. Two on 11th March were the only Spring records. One on 10th September, two on 14th October, one on 26th November and two on 20th December.

**Dunlin** *Calidris alpina*. One on 13th April was followed by a few singles and up to three during May. In Autumn, two from 2nd to 6th August and one on 28th August, one or two in October from 10th to 21st.

**Ruff** *Philomachus pugnax*. A very rare migrant to Lundy and one appeared on 31st July, an unusual date.

**Jack Snipe** *Lymnocyptes minimus*. Two on 13th January and one on 23rd with singles on 2nd March, 14th August with a late single on 27th and 28th December.

**Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*. Up to fifty during January but not more than four during February, six in March, one or two until 5th May, a single on 1st August, up to three regular through September but eighteen counted on 1st October, up to three in November rising to a maximum of thirty on 28th December.

**Woodcock** *Scolopax rusticola*. A good year starting with four on 11th January rising to eight on 11th falling to singles from 28th January to 6th February. One on 12th November increased to five on 16th while singles were seen twice in December.

**Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica*. A single migrant appeared on 28th April until 7th May. In Autumn one came on 22nd September.

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*. The first two on 13th April but up to fifteen by the end of the month rising to twenty by 2nd May. In July one on 20th increased to twelve on 28th, up to ten in August, not more than four in September and last two on 1st October.

**Curlew** *Numenius arquata*. Present as usual, peak dates thirteen on 13th January, six during June, 40 on 5th July, 29 on 5th September, 24 on 1st October, 35 on 27th November.

**Redshank** *Tringa totanus*. Occasional, the first two on 28th June, one on 5th and 6th September were the only ones this year.

**Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*. A rare migrant, up to three from 3rd to 10th September.

**Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*. Singles on 15th and 31st July one from 20th to 25th August, two on 29th August, one on 18th September were the only migrants.

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*. The first two migrants on 28th and 29th April, two Autumn migrants on 4th August but no more.

**Turnstone** *Tringa interpres*. One on 16th August, one or two four times in September, one on 24th October but none later.

**Gray Phalarope** *Phalaropus fulicarius*. Only the eighth record for Lundy when one was seen on 8th and 9th February.

**Black-headed Gull** *Larus ridibundus*. Two or three during January, one on 7th February, up to two in June, up to six in July, one on 14th August, up to four during October.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** *Larus fuscus*. Breeding on the island as usual, no census taken.

**Herring Gull** *Larus argentatus*. Breeding and abundant as usual.

**Great Black-backed Gull** *Larus marinus*. Breeding as usual.

**Kittiwake** *Rissa tridactyla*. Breeding as usual, 150 counted in November and 250 in December.

**Arctic Skua** *Stercorarius skua*. Singles of this rare migrant on 26th and 27th September and 13th October.

**Great Skua** *Stercorarius skua*. Only three previous records of this very rare vagrant but one on 30th September and one on 26th October were added to the list.

**Common/Arctic Tern** *Sterna Hirundo or paradisaea*. Three on 28th April and 1st May. Two on 30th September.

**Guillemot** *Uria aalge*. Breeding as usual.

**Puffin** *Fratercula arctica*. Two on 2nd April increased to about 25 on 12th April, up to 20 during May, thirteen on 26th July, no counts later.

**Auk Species**, Nine on 9th January, c.100 on 7th February, ten on 26th October.

**Stock Dove** *Columba oenas*. Singles of this scarce bird on 10th April, 9th May, 2nd June.

**Woodpigeon** *Columba palumbus*. Up to four January to March, up to five during April, May and June, not more than five later.

**Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto*. One on 24th and 25th March, three on 26th April, up to ten through May, seven in June but not seen later.

**Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia turtur*. Three came early on 26th April, up to seven during all May, early June falling to two only until 2nd October.

**Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus*. One early on 4th April then regular from 18th April until 4th June. One in autumn on 8th September.

**Short-eared Owl** *Asio flammeus*. One on 29th March, two on 11th October, one on 13th and two on 30th with one on 31st October, singles throughout November and a single on 27th December. An owl seen on 21st October could have been of this species.

**Swift** *Apus apus*. First one on 26th April, peak of 150 on 4th May, then up to 40 regular with 70 on 5th June, 50 on 19th July, singles on four days in August and singles 15th to 24th September.

**Skylark** *Alauda arvensis*. Breeding as usual and up to 60 in January, 35 in February, 45 in March, 80 counted on 29th September, 100 on 2nd November.

**Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia*. 50 arrived on 23rd March then regular with peaks of c.800 on 12th April, 500 on 28th August, 300 on 2nd September, 40 on 2nd October.

**Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*. One pair bred this year, First five on 4th April, peaks of 600 on 12th April, up to 30 during June, up to twenty in July, up to 30 in August, 700 on 2nd September, 500 on 29th, 700 in October, last single on 2nd November.

**House Martin** *Delichon urbica*. First on 3rd April, up to six later the same month and 30 regular in May, 40 in June but only one or two until 6th July. A single on 28th August and then each day with peaks of 160 on 11th September, 50 on 2nd October, the last two on 28th October.

**Tree Pipit** *Anthus trivialis*. A single of this scarce migrant appeared on 9th April followed by seven singles until two came on 13th May. In Autumn the counts were much better, the first single on 26th August was followed by fifteen on the next day and up to 20 until the last one on 2nd October.

**Meadow Pipit** *Anthus pratensis*. Breeding as usual and five were present in January, 100 on 13th March and 150 on 23rd, in Autumn the peak was reached with 300 on 26th to 29th September.

**Rock Pipit** *Anthus spinoletta*. Breeding as usual, no counts taken.

**Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava*. One of these scarce migrants on 25th April, two on 26th, two on 6th to 9th May, singles until 26th May, one on 20th and 21st July, up to three on 9th August, 15 on 28th, eight on 29th August, a peak of 45 on 4th September and last one on 5th October.

**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*. One of these scarce migrants on 3rd and 6th May, one on 30th July and 3rd August then regular with a peak of ten on 11th September, two then frequent and singles until 20th December.

**Pied Wagtail** *Motacilla alba*. One pair bred, up to fifteen counted during March and April but not more than five in May and June then small numbers until fourteen on 31st August, 250 on 3rd September fell to six in October and last one on 17th November. In early September a large proportion of White Wagtails was observed during the counts.

**Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes*. Resident and breeding as usual.

**Dunnock** *Prunella modularis*. Resident and breeding as usual.

**Robin** *Erithacus rubecula*. Resident and breeding as usual.

**Black Redstart** *Phoenicurus ochruros*. Two arrived on 28th March and one still on 7th April and was seen several times until 31st May. On 28th October fifteen appeared and twelve still on 3rd November, a single several times until 28th December.

**Redstart** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*. The first three from 18th to 20th April and 8th May dwindled to a single on 15th May. In Autumn one on 5th September, three on 15th September and 3rd October fell away to the last single on 28th October.

**Whinchat** *Saxicola rubetra*. Three on 18th to 20th April and up to three until 28th May. One on 20th July rose to two on 31st and singles five times in August, up to five during September and one or two until the last one on 31st October.

**Stonechat** *Saxicola torquata*. A single on 4th January perhaps had overwintered, up to three during March one on 9th May then none until singles on 22nd and 30th September, up to four during October but none later.

**Wheatear** *Oenanthe oenanthe*. Several pairs bred, first on 18th March, six on 23rd, 50 on 12th April, 55 on 18th, up to 50 during May, fifteen in July, twenty in August, a peak of 250 on 22nd September, down to 30 2nd October, last one on 9th November.

**Ring Ousel** *Turdus torquatus*. First single on 24th March, two 10th to 13th April, one 8th and 9th May, singles 22nd and 28th September, one or two until 28th October.

**Blackbird** *Turdus merula*. Bred as usual, c.100 in January and October, 300 on 2nd November, 100 at end of year.

**Fieldfare** *Turdus pilaris*. The winter movement of 1981 was continued in January when 1,000 were seen on 8th January, 35 in February, 25 in March, ten on 14th April. In late Autumn two on 9th October rose to twenty on 28th October and 950 on 2nd November.

**Song Thrush** *Turdus philomelos*. c.200 on 8th January, 85 on 24th February, thirty in March, up to 50 in October, 80 at end of year.

**Redwing** *Turdus iliacus*. Up to 70 during January, 200 on 3rd March, 200 frequent in October, 700 on 2nd November, up to 50 during December.

**Mistle Thrush** *Turdus viscivorus*. One of these rare winter visitors on 14th January, one on 9th and 20th April, one on 8th May, one on 25th October, three on 9th October, one on 10th, one on 29th December.

**American Robin** *Turdus migratorius*. One of these very rare vagrants was on the island from 14th to 18th November. The first for Britain was trapped on Lundy on 27th October 1952 and stayed until 8th November. One was seen on Castle Hill on 7th November 1962.

**Grasshopper Warbler** *Locustella naevia*. The first single came on 20th and 21st April with two on 26th and 27th April and a single on 30th April and 2nd May. Two on 5th May, but 11 on 6th and 10 on 8th and three more singles during May. Autumn singles on 8th, 9th and 23rd September.

**Sedge Warbler** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*. First single on 20th April one on 24th, two on 27th, one on 28th April and two on 4th May, ten on 5th, 20 on 6th, up to 60 on 9th then occasionally three until the last Spring single on 30th May. Two on 31st July, ten on 11th September and one on 22nd September were all for the Autumn.

**Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*. Singles of this rare migrant were present on 9th May, 14th, 16th, 19th September, 4th and 5th October and a late one on 4th November.

**Icterine Warbler** *Hippolais icterina*. Singles of this rare migrant on 6th and 9th September.

**Barred Warbler** *Sylvia bisoria*. One of these very rare Autumn migrants on 29th September and singles on 2nd, 6th and 7th October.

**Lesser Whitethroat** *Sylvia curruca*. One of these scarce migrants on 12th May, three on 14th May, one on 15th. One in Autumn on 9th September, two on 11th and one on 22nd and 23rd September.

**Whitethroat** *Sylvia communis*. First single on 20th April, three on 27th April, c.40 on 6th May, 25 on 8th were the Spring birds. In Autumn singles on 23rd and 24th July, one on 6th August and three on 28th August and a peak of 350 on 11th September then not more than ten but twelve on 2nd October and the last one on 6th October.

**Garden Warbler** *Sylvia borin*. One on 4th May, two on 8th, singles on 9th, 20th and 26th May in Spring. First for Autumn on 28th August, regular in September with a peak of thirty on 22nd, five on 2nd October, last two late on 4th November.

**Blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla*. A male appeared on 8th and 9th April, up to ten until 19th May, two on 8th September then up to six until ten on 23rd October, 25 on 28th October, 60 on 2nd November and a late single on 3rd December.

**Yellow-browed Warbler** *Phylloscopus inornatus*. One of these very rare migrants appeared on 22nd October.

**Wood Warbler** *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*. Singles of this very scarce migrant came on 11th and 12th May, two on 8th September, one on 5th October.

**Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita*. First five on 23rd March, up to two regular but only singles in Summer until 50 on 8th September, up to ten during October, 30 on 2nd November with singles through December.

**Willow Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochilus*. One on 2nd May but 50 on 4th May, 80 on 11th, 400 on 6th May, singles only in June and July, 35 on 1st August, 500 on 11th September, last single on 2nd November.

**Goldcrest** *Regulus regulus*. Two Spring migrants on 11th March increased to 30 during the month and during May, in Autumn eight on 8th September increased to thirty in October, 25 on 3rd November and one or two stayed on to the end of December.

**Firecrest** *Regulus ignicapillus*. One of these scarce migrants on 4th April, another on 6th May, one on 22nd, 23rd September, up to three during October, four on 2nd November and up to three during December.

**Spotted Flycatcher** *Muscicapa striata*. One on 27th April, then up to fifteen during May, five on 2nd June fell to the last Spring migrant on 25th June. In Autumn two on 7th August increased to five during August and twenty during September, singles on 2nd and 6th October and 13th November.

**Red-breasted Flycatcher** *Ficedula parva*. A single of this very rare migrant on 28th October which is the popular month.

**Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula hypoleuca*. First single on 20th April, one or two regular until 17th May. Two on 24th August increased to ten during September with a peak of 20 on 16th and singles until 11th October.

**Blue Tit** *Parus caeruleus*. One of these scarce visitors on 14th January was the first since 1979.

**Great Tit** *Parus major*. Singles of this rare migrant to Lundy on 18th and 27th March and 2nd to 5th April were the only ones.

**Red-backed Shrike** *Lanius collurio*. Singles of this very rare migrant came on 16th and 26th May and 2nd, 6th, 7th and 24th October.

**Woodchat Shrike** *Lanius senator*. One of these very rare migrants on 12th to 16th May.

**Jackdaw** *Corvus monedula*. One of these scarce visitors from 1st to 10th February, up to five during March, two on 8th April, one on 11th April, two on 18th May, two on 4th September three on 29th September.

**Rook** *Corvus frugilegus*. One of these scarce visitors on 24th and 27th February, two frequent all March, one on 4th April.

**Carrion Crow** *Corvus corone*. Bred as usual, thirteen were counted on 7th September. Singles of the Hooded variety were seen on 9th, 13th, 28th, 29th April, all May, five times in June with the last on 16th.

**Raven** *Corvus corax*. Bred as usual.

**Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*. Bred as usual. Up to 200 in January.

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*. Bred as usual.

**Chaffinch** *Fringilla coelebs*. Resident and bred as usual. Counts of 100 on 24th October, 1,500 on 28th October, 150 on 30th October but only up to ten afterwards.

**Brambling** *Fringilla montifringilla*. Ones and twos in January, February and March, singles on 2nd and 24th April. One again on 14th October rising to five on 28th October and singles until 15th November.

**Serin** *Serin serinus*. A very rare vagrant. One only on 31st October and 2nd November.

**Greenfinch** *Carduelis chloris*. One on 26th and 28th February, up to six regular during April, seven on 11th May and one on 12th. A single on 14th October increased to 60 on 28th October, twenty on 10th November and last single on 2nd December.

**Goldfinch** *Carduelis chloris*. A single on 2nd April then up to six regular rising to ten on 3rd May and three on 27th May. One on 14th October rose to five on 28th, six times in November until the last one on 28th.

**Siskin** *Carduelis spinus*. A single on 25th October, singles on 7th and 13th November were the only ones.

**Linnet** *Acanthis cannabina*. Bred as usual, up to 40 counted in April, 75 in August, 70 rising to 150 in September, 40 in October and five in November.

**Redpoll** *Acanthis flammea*. First one on 9th April, up to two on 14th but no more during the year.

**Scarlet Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrinus*. One of this very rare species came on 20th October.

**Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*. Two of this rare species on 10th, 11th April and one 12th, 14th, 19th April.

**Lapland Bunting** *Calcarius lapponicus*. Singles only on 24th April, 21st, 27th September, 26th, 27th October and 15th November.

**Snow Bunting** *Plectrophenax nivalis*. A good year, one on 21st, 24th September, fourteen on 25th, eight on 26th to 29th September, six on 30th, one on 1st October, seven on 2nd, singles until three on 24th October rising to six on 20th October, ones and twos until 31st October and then one on 21st, four on 28th December.

**Ortolan Bunting** *Emberiza hortulana*. Singles of this scarce migrant 6th, 22nd, 23rd September and 2nd November.

**Yellow-breasted Bunting** *Emberiza aureola*. This very rare vagrant to British Isles made its first ever appearance on Lundy from 18th to 26th September.

**Reed Bunting** *Emberiza schoenicus*. One male on 13th and 15th March, one female on 24th March, singles on 2nd and 12th April, four on 28th October, one 29th to 31st October, one on 2nd November.

**Corn Bunting** *Miliaria calandra*. The fourteenth record for Lundy when single came on 2nd and 3rd November.

#### **Addenda to 1981 Report:-**

**Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus*. Three on 15th August, two 16th and one 17th August.

The Bird List for 1982 has been compiled from observations by the following observers.

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MIKE DAVIES *et al.*  
T. DAVIS  
M. and S. DAVIS  
C. DEE  
M. GADE  
P. DE GROOT  
J. HIGH

D. KESTELL *et al.*  
M. KING  
K. and M. MORTIMER  
B. MORGAN  
C. McSHANE *et al.*  
J. and P. OGILVIE  
G. RAWLE  
W. and W. ROGERS  
I. SMITH  
A. and A. TAYLOR  
A. and N. TROUT  
A. VICKERY  
S. WING  
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