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Summary of bird sightings in the Isle of Man, January 2026

Pink-footed Goose – An exceptional count of 834 in fields near the Rhendhoo Road (Jurby) on 18th.

Tundra Bean Goose* – Two were in the fields near Ballannette from 29th.

Whooper Swan – Peak count on the northern plain was 43 on 31st along the Ballacrye Road.

Ring-necked Duck* – The female from December returned to Ballannette from 12th to 31st.

Long-tailed Duck – A female was in Derbyhaven Bay on 1st, 3rd, 14th & 15th.

Red-breasted Merganser – A redhead was seen between Derbyhaven and Langness from 1st to 6th.

Goosander – A drake and three redheads at Eairy Dam on 23rd.

Lapwing – During cold conditions early in the month flocks of 200+ were recorded around Carrick Bay from 5th to 9th; while in the north a flock regularly were on the Glascoe floods with 100+ recorded on 28th.

Whimbrel – The overwintering bird at Langness was noted on 10th, 16th, 18th & 27th.

Mediterranean Gull – An adult was at Langness on 9th.

Black-throated Diver – Peak count off Peel Castle of 22 on 20th; lower counts included 12 on 17th and 16 on 29th.

Slavonian Grebe* – Two were in Derbyhaven Bay from 1st to 3rd.

Chiffchaff – Singles near Croit-e-Caley on 4th & 13th.

Blackcap – Wintering birds were seen in gardens in Port St Mary (1st), St Johns (2nd), Peel (25th) and Ramsey (31st).

Black Redstart – A female continued in Castletown until 13th; with another bird at Fenella Bay, Peel on 5th, 10th & 28th.

Twite – Nine were seen at POA on 21st.



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Black-throated Divers off Peel breakwater, 17th January 2026 © David Kelly

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