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Summary of bird sightings in the Isle of Man, April 2025

Brent Goose – Peak count at Langness was 85 on 10th; only two remaining at Derbyhaven by 21st. Two Dark-bellied birds were at Strandhall on 2nd.

Egyptian Goose – A bird of unknown origin was at POANR on 23rd.

Wigeon – At Strandhall 35 remained on 7th – the last multiple count for the south, however one or two remained at Langness up to the end of the month. In the north the last at Glascoe was a single on 9th; at POANR up to three remained to 9th, then a pair reappeared from 23rd.

Green-winged Teal* – A drake was at POANR on 30th.

Pintail – The over wintering female remained at POANR until 6th.

Goldeneye – At POANR up to nine were still present on 6th; with a drake remaining until the end of the month.

Red-breasted Merganser – A drake remained at Langness on 1st & 2nd, and another drake passed POA on 2nd.

Goosander – A single redhead was on the Neb on 2nd; three at Kionslieu on 3rd.

Swift – The first of the year were reported on 26th with singles at the Lhen and Malew Church, and two at POANR.

Black-tailed Godwit – At POANR four on 2nd, two on 13th and singles on 16th & 30th. In the south one at Strandhall on 2nd and two at Langness on 15th.

Whimbrel – The first at Langness were two on 1st and after regular reports from 8th counts peaked at 50 on 29th.

Ruff – A single was at POANR on 23rd.

Common Sandpiper – The first of the year was at Derbyhaven on 7th; followed by POANR on 8th and at Kionslieu and Sulby Reservoir on 9th. Sightings of multiple birds included five at Poyll Dooley on 18th; three at Eairy Dam on 20th and nine at POANR on 26th.

Curlew Sandpiper – A mid-moult bird was found among Dunlin at Langness on 29th, remaining on 30th.

Arctic Skua – A dark phase bird was seen off the Ayres mobbing Sandwich Terns on 8th.

Great Northern Diver – 30th saw 30+ birds offshore between Rue Point and Blue Point.

Sandwich Tern – The highest count from Rue Point was 44 on 23rd.

Little Tern – The first returning birds noted at Rue Point were three on 18th; counts not exceeding three in the remainder of the month.

Great Grey Shrike* - A bird was found on Wright's Pit North at POA on 9th.

Osprey – Individuals were seen over Maughold on 2nd, Earystane on 10th and Ballannette on 10th.

Hoopoe – A bird was seen on private land near Douglas on 2nd.



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Cuckoo – Single birds were seen or heard from POA 11th & 30th, Sandygate on 27th, Ballanelson (Andreas) on 28th and South Barrule Plantation on 29th.

Whitethroat – 18th saw the first records with two at Smeale. The first at POANR was on 20th with a single at the Sound and two near Cregneash that day. Regular reports thereafter with high counts by 30th of five at Langness and five at POANR.

Sedge Warbler – The first bird was at POANR on 12th, numbers rising to 12 by 28th. Elsewhere the first were noted at Ballachurry on 21st and at Croit-e-Caley on 24th.

Grasshopper Warbler – The first was heard at the Howe on 10th. Birds heard at POANR on 18th, 26th & 28th; at Glen Mooar on 26th and at the Lhen on 28th. Birds were heard reeling on territories at Dalby Mountain from 21st.

Tree Pipit* - A single bird at Cregneash on 10th.

Whinchat – A female was near Cregneash on 29th.

Fieldfare – Late sightings included a single at Ballaghennie on 4th and five at Cregneash on 9th.

Crossbill – Sightings during the month came from Kerrowdhoo, South Barrule and Ballaugh Plantations.

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Calf of Man Interesting Sightings, April 2025

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Cuckoo – Only two through the month, singles on 9th & 26th.

Swift – The first of the year and only bird of the month was on 26th.

Lapwing – A single was seen over the Observatory on 26th, and presumably the same bird again on 27th.

Common Sandpiper – The first was noted on 10th, followed by 17th, 20th (two), 22nd, 26th & 30th.

Osprey – A bird flew north over the Observatory on 30th.

Great Skua – The Great Skua was first noted on 15th and was consistent thereafter.

Ring Ouzel – One male was present around the Observatory on 3rd & 4th, joined by a second male on 5th & 6th. Another single male at Gibdale on 14th.

Fieldfare – Late birds were three on 2nd, two on 9th, one on 10th and the last on 26th.

Redwing – Three singles on 2nd, 7th & 9th.

Black Redstart – Singles present on 3rd, 8th, 9th, 11th & 13th, all around either the Lighthouses or the Observatory.

Whinchat – Singles were observed in the Glen on 18th, 19th, 21st, 25th & 30th.

Grasshopper Warbler – Three on 9th (two caught and ringed) were first of the year followed by 13th, 20th, 22nd (two), 28th & 29th.

Sedge Warbler – The first of the year was on 20th, with the high count for the month being seven on 30th.

Reed Warbler* – An early bird was caught and ringed on 30th.

Whitethroat – The first birds were two on 18th, and the high being 10 on 30th.

Lesser Whitethroat – The first of the year was caught and ringed at the Observatory on 30th.

Tree Pipit* - The first of the year passed over on 8th followed by singles on 20th, 21st & 30th.

Twite – Three birds were present near South Harbour on 2nd.

Crossbill - A single female-type was showing well at the Observatory on 8th.



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Great Grey Shrike, Wright's Pit North, Point of Ayre 9th April 2025. © David Kelly

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