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

Brent Goose – After a peak of 140 on 13th the last report at Derbyhaven was of six on 25th. Elsewhere, 12 remained at Strandhall up to 9th.

Wigeon – The last at Strandhall were seven on 9th. A drake lingered at Langness until at least 24th.

Long-tailed Duck – The duck was seen again at Derbyhaven on 5th.

Goldeneye – The last at POANR was a single female on 23rd.

Goosander – A redhead was at Kionslieu on 5th.

Swift – The first birds were reported over Castletown with a single on 20th and two on 22nd. A single over Maughold on 23rd.

Little Ringed Plover* – A bird was present at POANR on 15th & 16th.

Black-tailed Godwit – One at POANR on 15th & 17th; and at Langness one overflowed on 17th, another present on 21st.

Whimbrel – At Langness, counts were single figures until 11 on 20th, peaking with 23 on 25th.

Spotted Redshank* – A bird mid moult to breeding plumage was present at Poyll Brienn, Langness throughout the day on 21st.

Greenshank – A single bird was reported at Langness from 17th to 22nd.

Common Sandpiper – The first report was of two at POANR on 8th, two at Glascoe on 20th, three at the Lhen on 23rd and four at Kionslieu on 24th.

Wood Sandpiper* – One was at POANR on 30th.

Great Skua – A bird flew through Derbyhaven on 17th and was seen again at Langness on 24th.

Common Tern – A single bird flew south past Peel on 26th.

Little Tern – The first birds noted at ANNR were three on 23rd; three also at POA on 30th.

Sandwich Tern – The highest counts noted were at Rue Point with 40 present on 17th.

Yellow-legged Gull* – An adult at West Marine, Peel on 30th with birds N past the castle on 22nd & 29th.

Merlin – A late bird was seen at POA on 19th.

Hoopoe – One was in a Maughold parish garden on 8th.

Cuckoo – The first record of a bird heard near Ramsey on 13th; then near Clypse Reservoir on 19th and an arrival on 20th with birds heard at Fleshwick, Arrasey, Poortown Road and Archallagan.

Whitethroat – An early individual at POANR on 15th; with sightings becoming increasingly widespread from 19th.

Sedge Warbler – The first at POANR were heard on 15th, rising to eight by 23rd. The first reported at Ballachurry was on 19th.



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Grasshopper Warbler – Single birds seen or heard near Cregneash on 18th & 24th, near Conrhenny on 19th, and at the Lhen on 23rd.

Whinchat – One reported near the Sound on 21st, single males on ANNR on 23rd and Langness on 26th.

Fieldfare – A late sighting of a single in Lonan on 11th.

Ring Ouzel – One was reported from Douglas Promenade on 16th.

Compiled by David Kelly

Sourced from Manx Birdlife website, eBird and the *Manx Bird Alert* group; with thanks.

Calf of Man Interesting Sightings, April 2026

Sourced from trektellen.org, with thanks to Eleanor Grover

The Calf Warden team returned to the island on 8th April

Brent Goose – 69 passed south past Kione ny Halby on 20th – the largest ever flock for the Calf.

Cuckoo – The first bird on the year was singing in Gibdale on 28th.

Swift – The first was noted on 23rd, followed by singles on 28th & 30th.

Jack Snipe – A late bird was in the Front Field on 28th.

Common Sandpiper – Only two sightings; the first of the year on 18th and another on 20th.

Puffin – A single bird was seen near Chicken Rock on 19th.

Great Skua – The regular bird was first noted on 20th and frequent thereafter.

Red Kite* – Two were seen soaring with a Buzzard above Central Heath on 25th.

Whinchat – The first was a female in the Front Field on 28th.

Grasshopper Warbler – Singles on 18th, 20th & 24th.

Sedge Warbler – The first was noted on 23rd; no more than three in the rest of the month.

Whitethroat – The first was one on 18th then three on 20th; counts peaking with 13 on 25th.

Lesser Whitethroat – Singles were around the Observatory on 25th & 29th.

Tree Pipit* – The first was a single heard on 13th, then two on 20th and one on each 21st, 25th & 30th.

Crossbill – One briefly dropped into the Observatory conifers on 30th.



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Greenshank (left) and Spotted Redshank (right), Langness 21st April 2026. © David Kelly

ANNR- Ayres National Nature Reserve

POA – Point of Ayre

POANR – Manx Birdlife Point of Ayre National Reserve

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