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Summary of bird sightings in the Isle of Man, August 2023

Gadwall – A pair were at Pooil Vaaish on 28th.

Common Scoter – The 22nd saw 16 in total passing Peel.

Black-tailed Godwit – A high count of 15 on the Langness saltmarsh at high tide on 2nd. Six were seen there on 14th.

Knot – Regular sightings from Langness and Derbyhaven through the month; though a high count of 26 came on 14th.

Ruff – Two were present at Stinking Dub on 14th, one remaining on 16th.

Curlew Sandpiper – A juvenile was seen at Stinking Dub, Langness on 29th.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper* - A single bird was seen on Stinking Dub, Langness on 14th. The same bird as August last year?

Green Sandpiper* – A bird flew from the Langness saltmarsh on 2nd. Two were together in a wet field near Ballachurry, Rushen on 7th.

Wood Sandpiper* - An individual was present at Stinking Dub, Langness on 23rd.

Greenshank – Singles were seen at Derbyhaven and Langness through the month; three were recorded from Langness on 2nd & 18th.

Common Tern* - Four birds were seen off Peel on 19th. A single bird was also seen there on 23rd.

Arctic Skua – Off Peel an individuals were seen on 7th, 21st & 28th. A dark phase bird was seen offshore from Rue Point on 22nd.

Leach's Petrel* - At least three were seen off Peel through the day on 19th.

Kingfisher – An individual was reported from the River Neb at Peel on 10th & 13th.

Osprey – A bird was seen soaring over Cregneash on 6th. Another individual flew south past Langness on 16th. The 29th saw an individual off the Marine Drive, and later presumably the same individual on the Calf.

Tawny Owl* - Reported as being heard at the Lhen on 18th.

Redstart sp. – Reported as Black Redstart, a female Redstart was reported from a Douglas garden on 27th.

Spotted Flycatcher – Three were seen along the River Neb near Peel on 28th.

Garden Warbler – A single bird was seen at Ballachurry on 22nd.

Whinchat – An individual was seen near the Point of Ayre on the morning of 26th.

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Common Scoter – 3rd saw 26 birds seen during seawatches. Four were also seen on 20th.

Swift – Only one seen in the month on 18th.

Common Sandpiper – Eight sightings of single birds during the month, the last on 29th.

Arctic Skua – A single sighting on 13th.

Storm Petrel – Recorded on nine days through the month; a peak of 16 on 16th.

Great Shearwater* - A single bird was seen during a seawatch on 11th.

Osprey – Three sightings of individuals on 6th, 29th and 31st.

Swallow – Southbound passage is underway, a high count for the month being 286 on 8th.

Melodious Warbler* – A single 'atypical' bird of a grey & white form was caught and ringed on 16th.

Grasshopper Warbler – A single was caught and ringed on 15th.

Spotted Flycatcher – Return passage began though only single birds recorded on six days from 13th to 30th.

Pied Flycatcher* – Two were recorded on 25th, and a single on 29th.

Whinchat – One record a single bird caught and ringed on 26th.

Tree Sparrow* - Five birds were recorded together on 30th.

Tree Pipit* - Recorded on 11 days during the month; a high count of five on 9th.

Species marked with * are yet to be considered by Manx Bird Records Committee.

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Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Stinking Dub, Langness 14th August 2023. © David Kelly

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