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Summary of bird sightings in the Isle of Man, August 2024

Brent Goose – Two early arrivals were seen at Langness on 31st.

Garganey* - An eclipse plumage bird was found at POANR on 7th and remained up to 26th.

Wigeon – POANR has seen up to seven returning for winter.

Common Scoter – Seven were seen flying north off Peel on 10th; with 11 on 21st.

Red-breasted Merganser – A redhead was seen off Peel on 29th.

Great Crested Grebe – A juvenile was in Derbyhaven Bay on 22nd, remaining on 27th.

Swift – 29th saw some of the last reports of singles over Port St Mary, Port Erin and Douglas Promenade; followed by seven over Castletown on 30th.

Cuckoo – A juvenile was present at Langness from 12th to 23rd

Black-tailed Godwit – One was at Langness on 15th, five overflew POANR on 18th.

Green Sandpiper* - Single birds were at a private site in Lonan on 2nd; POANR on 14th and Glascoe floods on 18th

Wood Sandpiper* - POANR saw a single from 7th to 28th; with two present on 12th & 19th.

Greenshank – Up to five individuals were reported between Langness and Derbyhaven through the month. At POANR a single was reported between 12th and 28th.

Ruff – A bird was seen at POANR on 14th (remaining to 28th) followed by a juvenile was at Langness on 15th.

Purple Sandpiper – Two early returning birds were at Port St Mary breakwater on 12th. At Peel, one was present on 28th.

Great Skua – Two flew S off Peel on 2nd.

Long-tailed Skua* - A pale-phase bird flew south off Peel on 26th.

Mediterranean Gull – A first winter bird was at Strandhall on 27th.

Common Tern* - Two were in Derbyhaven Bay on 8th.

Sandwich Tern – The highest count from the south coast was 33 at Langness on 22nd; and on the north coast 53 at Rue Point on 2nd.

Marsh Harrier* - A bird was seen at Langness on 14th. Another sighting came from Phurt on 28th.

Wryneck* - A bird was found near Meayll Hill, Cregneash on 30th.

Grasshopper Warbler – A single bird was reported from Maughold on 3rd.

Tree Pipit* - South bound birds noted overflying POA on 18th and three over Meayll Hill, Cregneash on 30th.



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Common Scoter – passage off Culbery included a single on 6th and up to three birds on five dates between 16th – 23rd.

Purple Sandpiper – The first autumn record was of eight on 16th.

Arctic Skua – Seawatches produced one on 16th; four seen on 22nd and one on 23rd.

Storm Petrel – High counts for the month were 11 on 1st and five on 11th.

Little Egret – two on 30th were just the 18th Calf record.

Cuckoo – A singles was recorded on 2nd.

Osprey – An individual was seen flying W on 22nd

Long-eared Owl – A bird was recorded on 14th.

House Martin – a movement of 328 on 30th was the highest ever day total recorded.

Grasshopper Warbler – One was caught on 29th.

Garden Warbler – A single bird noted on 30th.

Wood Warbler* – A bird was caught and ringed on 11th.

Spotted Flycatcher – The first returning autumn bird was present on 20th.

White Wagtail – peak count for the month was 100 on 31st.

Tree Pipit* – recorded from 10th with 1 – 3 birds on six dates, plus six on 11th, 11 on 14th, three on 24th & 29th, 18 on 30th and five on 31st.

Compiled by David Kelly

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POA- Point of Ayre

POANR- Manx Birdlife Point of Ayre National Reserve

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