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### Summary of bird sightings in the Isle of Man, August 2025

**Pink-footed Goose** – A group of 14 were at POANR on 24<sup>th</sup>; with four reported from Dog Mills on 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Wigeon** – One was present at POANR on 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, and the first returning bird at Strandhall on 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Swift** – The last double figure count was 15 over Farmhill on 12<sup>th</sup>; later counts included one at Castletown and three in Peel on 17<sup>th</sup>, and one at POANR on 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Black-tailed Godwit** – All records were of singles; at POANR on 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, and between Langness and Derbyhaven on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Knot** – All records from Langness with singles on 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, then four on 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Ruff** – A juvenile at Pooilvaaish on 22<sup>nd</sup>, another at POANR on 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Wood Sandpiper\*** - Individuals at POANR on 17<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Purple Sandpiper** – Early returners to winter locations were singles at Peel on 14<sup>th</sup> and Port St Mary on 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Little Stint** – A single at Langness on 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Grey Phalarope\*** - A juvenile was at Sandwick on 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Arctic Skua** – A juvenile passed Langness on 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Mediterranean Gull** – A 1<sup>st</sup> summer bird was present in Peel Bay from 4<sup>th</sup> and by 30<sup>th</sup> joined by a second 1<sup>st</sup> summer and a 2<sup>nd</sup> summer bird.

**Yellow-legged Gull\*** – An adult at Peel breakwater on 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Common Tern\*** – An adult was at Rue Point on 14<sup>th</sup>. Off Peel: seven on 25<sup>th</sup>, three on 29<sup>th</sup> and five on 30<sup>th</sup>. Single juveniles were seen at Strandhall and Derbyhaven on 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Great White Egret\*** – A bird flew through Castletown Bay on 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Osprey** – A juvenile bird was present around along the River Neb from 21<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>; and likely the same bird over Castletown Bay and Lower Foxdale on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Red Kite\*** – A bird seen near Devil's Elbow on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Kingfisher** – One was noted at Leigh Terrace, Douglas on 29<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Spotted Flycatcher** – Two at Scard on 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Tree Pipit\*** – Over Cregneash area: two on 12<sup>th</sup> and one on 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Whinchat** – 21<sup>st</sup> saw singles at Meayll Hill, Cregneash and Langness.



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### Calf of Man Interesting Sightings, August 2025

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**Lapwing** – Two in the Front Field on 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Purple Sandpiper** – The first returning bird was noted in the Lighthouse Cave on 12<sup>th</sup>, followed by one past Culbery on 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Cuckoo** – A juvenile on 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, singles juveniles on 19<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, and an older bird in Baie n'Ooig on 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Arctic Tern** – Two seen flying south on a seawatch off Culbery on 28<sup>th</sup>. Surprisingly, only the 79<sup>th</sup> Calf record.

**Osprey** – A single passed over on 17<sup>th</sup> and again on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Barred Warbler\*** – A young bird was caught and ringed at the Observatory on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Red-breasted Flycatcher\*** – A female-type bird was seen briefly above Gibdale on 25<sup>th</sup>. The only Calf record for August, and the first record since 2020.

**Pied Flycatcher\*** – A female-type was near Gibdale on 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Spotted Flycatcher** – The first returning bird was on 8<sup>th</sup> with a steady flow of single figure counts for the rest of the month.

**Redstart** – An adult female was caught and ringed at the Observatory on 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Tree Pipit** – A steady flow of passage birds with counts of 7 on 10<sup>th</sup>, 9 on 17<sup>th</sup>, 16 on 21<sup>st</sup> and 11 on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Crossbill** – Two briefly alighted in the conifers on 10<sup>th</sup>.



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Grey Phalarope, Sandwick 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025. © David Kelly

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