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

Pink-footed Goose – A flock of approximately 470 were near Cranstal on 5th. Four were among Greylags near The Braaid on 24th.

White-fronted Goose* – Two were identified among the Pink-footed Goose flock near Cranstal on 5th.

Whooper Swan – The highest count of birds near Ballaugh Cronk was 32 on 12th. One overflowed Peel on 27th.

Green-winged Teal* – The drake persists at Pooil Vaaish, reported on 12th & 21st.

Long-tailed Duck – A male was present in Derbyhaven Bay on 11th and 12th.

Common Scoter – A drake was in Peel Bay on 12th; and one flew south off the Castle on 27th.

Goosander – Up to three redheads were reported from the Peel Clay Pit and River Neb between 13th and 21st.

Red-breasted Merganser – A male was present in Derbyhaven Bay on 11th.

Great Crested Grebe – The Douglas Bay individual was reported on 1st; and a report of a Red-necked Grebe on 9th was also likely the Great Crested Grebe*.

Water Rail – Birds were heard from Ballachurry on 5th, 6th and 23rd. Another was heard from Glascoe on 12th.

Whimbrel – An overwintering bird was reported around Castletown Bay on 8th, 20th & 21st.

Purple Sandpiper – The highest count came from Port St Mary with 37 on the high tide roost on 20th.

Kittiwake – A colour-ringed individual was identified on Peel breakwater on 13th; which was identified as a bird ringed on Puffin Island (Wales) in 2016.

Little Gull – An adult bird was reported from Peel Breakwater from 9th to 12th.

Yellow-legged Gull* - A single adult was seen at Kionslieu on 17th.

Great Northern Diver – One bird seen passing the Point of Ayre on 5th; with two seen there on 10th. The 12th saw one off the Lhen.

Kingfisher – Records continue for individuals from Castletown and Douglas harbours.

Blackcap – A male was seen in a Kirk Michael garden on 1st. Another male was present in a Port St Mary garden throughout the month.

Chiffchaff – A single record of an individual at Ballachurry Reserve on 27th.

Black Redstart – Single birds were reported from Castletown on 2nd and Derbyhaven on 11th. Port St Mary saw a male reported on 4th & 8th; and a female on 22nd. Another female was seen in Peel on 25th.

Tree Sparrow* - The two birds remain at Pooil Vaaish with records on 4th, 7th & 12th.



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