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

Pink-footed Goose – 194 were at Lough Mallow on 5<sup>th</sup>.

Whooper Swan – 24 were in fields near Ballaugh Cronk on 16<sup>th</sup>; 21 in the same area on 28<sup>th</sup>.

Pintail – The female at POANR remained though only noted on 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Ring-necked Duck\*** – A female was at Eairy Dam on 6th. On 13th the Clypse bird was reported again – perhaps the same bird moving between sites?

**Red-breasted Merganser** – A drake was at Langness from 4th to 26th; often seen diving close in at Poyll Brienn.

**Goosander** – A pair were at Langness on  $4^{th}$ , with a redhead off Castletown on  $22^{nd}$ . In the north the redhead remained at the Mooragh on  $5^{th}$ ; four birds were at POANR on  $19^{th}$ .

**Greenshank** – The single bird between Langness and Derbyhaven remained through the month.

Cattle Egret\* - The bird at Cronk Hunna remained through the month; joined by a second on 7th

Black-throated Diver – A high count of 12 together off Peel on 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Kingfisher** – After an absence a bird was reported in Castletown on 20<sup>th</sup>; Peel sightings continue with regularity.

**Black Redstart** – The Castletown bird was last reported on 9<sup>th</sup>. Several sightings of female type birds at Ramsey boatpark (2<sup>nd</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>) and Fenella Bay, Peel (5<sup>th</sup>& 22<sup>nd</sup>).

Twite – Eight were together near POA on 26<sup>th</sup>.



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Red-breasted Merganser, Langness 17th February 2025. © David Kelly

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