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

Whooper Swan – The highest count was of 32 along Bayr Rhendoo on 28th. Six were at Kionslieu on 14th.

Long-tailed Duck – The male has remained present at Derbyhaven throughout the month.

Goldeneye – A female was present at Poyll Richie on 14th & 17th.

Goosander – Two drakes remained at Kionslieu on 7th, though only one present by 15th. Redheads were seen on the River Neb on 6th & 27th, and at Langness on 25th & 31st.

Slavonian Grebe* - A winter plumage bird was present in Derbyhaven Bay on 26th.

Lapwing – Counts of large flocks included 104 at Pooil Vaaish on 17th and 90 near Glascoe on 22nd.

Grey Plover – Three were present at Fort Island on 8th, with two on 22nd

Whimbrel – An over wintering individual was seen at Langness on 10th & 26th.

Knot – Single birds were on Peel beach on 13th and at Strandhall on 17th. At Langness the highest count was four on 14th.

Greenshank – An individual remained present at Langness through the month.

Mediterranean Gull – Single birds were seen at Sandwick on 14th and Peel Bay on 18th.

Black-throated Diver – Two were seen off the Lhen on 15th & 27th. Off Peel the highest count was 5 on 3rd.

Kingfisher – The individual on the River Neb at Peel continues to be seen. A bird was seen on the Dumb River at Pooil Vaaish on 17th.

Waxwing – Two were seen near Ballachurry Reserve on 17th.

Black Redstart – A first winter bird was present near the Old Grammar School in Castletown from 15th to 18th.

Blackcap – A male and female were seen in a Ramsey garden on 6th. A male in a Colby garden on 8th.

Tree Sparrow* - A site near Ballabeg continues to sustain a small flock, a ringing session identifying 14 birds.

Twite – Up to 22 remained around Pooil Vaaish.

Crossbill – 12 were seen together in Archallagan Plantation on 15th.

Reed Bunting – On 3rd a flock of 23 were observed in a field near Colby Level. A ringing session at a site near Ballabeg caught 10 birds.



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Reed Buntings, Colby Level 3rd January 2024. © David Kelly

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