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

Pochard – A probable juvenile was at Glascoe on 8th.

Gadwall – Two eclipse plumage birds were present at Langness on 24th and 26th.

Common Scoter – Off Peel three were seen on 12th; and 17 on 15th.

Black-tailed Godwit – A single bird was seen regularly at Stinking Dub through the month. A single bird overflew Pooil Vaaish on 27th; and three were together at Derbyhaven on 31st.

Green Sandpiper* – One flew from East Kimmeragh Dub, Bride on 8th.

Pectoral Sandpiper* - A single bird was present at Stinking Dub, Langness from 14th to 16th; only the second Isle of Man record.

Greenshank – There were several records from Langness and Derbyhaven including a single at Langness on 17th and two in Derbyhaven on 26th. Peel saw a singles on 9th and 12th.

Knot – The 24th saw a single bird at Langness; and later three in Derbyhaven. On 26th one was still present at Langness.

Mediterranean Gull – Several Peel sightings with two on 4th; then single birds on 5th, 9th, 12th & 18th. Ramsey bay saw a 1st summer bird on 8th. A breeding plumage adult was in Garwick Bay on 9th. Strandhall saw individuals on 8th and 27th.

Common Tern* - Two birds were seen at Rue Point on 10th; and another two were seen overflying Langness on 24th. Three were seen off Peel on 18th.

Arctic Tern - Individuals passed Peel on 8th and 21st. A single bird was in Derbyhaven Bay on 10th.

Storm Petrel – Off Peel a high count for the month of 11 following a trawler on 26th.

Swift – Castletown saw the highest counts during the month with 29 on 19th, and 22 on 31st.

Spotted Flycatcher – One was reported from Port Soderick on 6th; while another individual was seen in Regaby on 7th & 8th. Two adults were seen feeding young in Lonan on 16th.

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Sourced from Manx Birdlife website and Twitter feed, and some eBird contributors; with thanks.

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Calf of Man Interesting Sightings, July 2023

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Manx Shearwater – 1696 flew south off Culbery in 2hrs on 30th.

Cuckoo – A single bird was recorded on 10th.

Buzzard – Three young fledged. The first successful breeding attempt for the Calf.

Greenshank – A scarce bird for the Calf, a single was recorded on 27th.

Storm Petrel – Recorded on six days through the month; a peak of 18 on 18th.

Sedge Warbler – The 24th saw 21 individuals recorded; the highest July count on record.

Grasshopper Warbler – An individual was caught and ringed on 24th.

Great Spotted Woodpecker – A juvenile was caught and ringed on 9th and remained until the 20th; only the 14th Calf record.

Crossbill – A single was recorded on 25th.



Pectoral Sandpiper, Stinking Dub, Langness 14th July 2023. © Lindsay Rowe

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