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Summary of bird sightings in the Isle of Man, July 2025

Wigeon – A drake was at Strandhall on 11th.

Mandarin Duck – A duck was on the Peel Clay pit on 1st.

Common Scoter – A duck was in Douglas outer harbour on 19th & 20th. Nine were off Port Lewaigue on 19th.

Little Ringed Plover* – Two juveniles were at POANR on 13th.

Black-tailed Godwit – At POANR, three on 2nd and one on 18th. In the south, Langness saw singles on 3rd, 14th & 28th, two on 20th. Singles were also at Wigeon Pool, Derbyhaven on 9th and at Pooilvaaish on 10th.

Knot – Single birds were at Rue Point on 18th, Strandhall on 22nd and Langness on 25th.

Ruff – A single was in the company of Redshank at POANR on 13th.

Wood Sandpiper* – A single was at POANR on 13th, remaining on 14th. A bird was present at Stinking Dub, Langness on 16th & 18th; it is not certain if these were different birds.

Great Northern Diver – A breeding plumage bird was in Derbyhaven bay on 17th.

Arctic Skua – 2nd saw a pale phase bird pass Peel and a dark phase bird at Rue Point.

Storm Petrel – Off Peel 4th saw five birds in the afternoon.

Yellow-legged Gull* – A 2nd summer bird flew south off Peel on 10th and an adult was at West Marine on 25th.

Mediterranean Gull – Several sightings from Langness: one on 2nd, 11th & 22nd; two on 14th. Two adults and a juvenile at the mouth of the Colby River on 15th.

Swift – The highest counts for regular areas were 33 over Castletown on 10th and 35 on 18th.

Spotted Flycatcher – A family group of five was in a Regaby garden on 13th, three still on 29th. Two were at Glen Grenaugh on 20th.

Tree Pipit* – One was seen at Ballalough Reedbeds (Castletown) on 27th.



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Lapwing – One on 13th, 18th & 20th; six were recorded on 16th and four on 24th.

Greenshank – A single bird was on the deck at Kione ny Halby on 12th.

Laughing Gull* – A breeding plumage adult was seen over the island on 2nd before it drifted north.

Little Egret – An adult and juvenile were at South Harbour on 4th, with the juvenile seen again on 6th & 7th.

Willow Warbler – Early autumn migration underway seeing a count of 58 on 30th.

Grasshopper Warbler – One trapped at the Observatory on 23rd.

Crossbill – Counts of one on 6th, 23rd & 26th and 13 on 21st.



Black-tailed Godwit, Pooilvaish 10th July 2025. © David Kelly



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POANR – Manx Birdlife Point of Ayre National Reserve

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