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

Common Scoter – Seven were seen flying north off Peel on 10th; with 11 on 21st.

Long-tailed Duck – A pair were seen off Peel Castle on 18th.

Black-tailed Godwit – Langness saw several reports; one on 5th, then two on 26th, rising to four on 27th & 28th. On 29th two were reported from a dub near the Lhen.

Curlew Sandpiper – Rue Point saw at least one bird among Sanderling and Dunlin on 1st.

Little Stint – Potentially the same individual from late May, a single bird was seen between Derbyhaven and Sandwick on 2nd, 4th & 10th.

Osprey – An individual was present in Carrick Bay at Strandhall on the afternoon of 16th.

Arctic Skua – A dark phase bird overflew Langness on 19th.

Yellow-legged Gull* - Individuals were in Peel on 5th, 16th and 28th.

Mediterranean Gull – Off Peel Castle; a second summer bird on 6th; two first summer birds on 15th, with individuals also on 20th & 21st. Langness also saw several sightings; starting with a first summer bird on 7th, peaking with four birds on 12th; three remaining on 15th.

Common Tern* - A single bird was seen in Peel Bay on 21st.

Roseate Tern* - On 30th a single bird was seen passing the Point of Ayre, and later in the day was relocated at Rue Point.

Storm Petrel – Unusually multiple inshore sightings. From Peel came one on 12th and two on 25th & 30th; and several sightings of multiple birds came from the Point of Ayre.

Red-throated Diver – A single bird was seen passing Peel on 27th.

Swift – Reported from many of their typical areas on the island, the highest count reported was of 21 at Braddan Bridge on 10th. 19 were counted over Ramsey on 26th.

Grey-headed Wagtail* - A first record for the island; an individual was seen near the MBL Point of Ayre Reserve on the afternoon of 8th.

Yellow Wagtail* - The 10th saw a single bird flying north off Peel Castle.

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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, June 2023

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Cuckoo – An individual was seen on 22nd.

Lapwing – Four records during the month, singles on 12th, 14th & 15th and two on 29th.

Sanderling – A single bird was seen on 1st.

Storm Petrel – The first of the year was recorded on 12th, with the highest count of nine reached on 29th.

Great Reed Warbler* – The morning of 4th saw an individual caught and ringed; only the 2nd Calf (and Manx) record.

Reed Warbler* - Only one recorded in the month, on 12th.

Fieldfare – An unseasonal individual was present on 3rd and 4th.

Spotted Flycatcher – 2nd saw a peak count for the month of 15 birds.

Black Redstart – An unseasonal female was caught and ringed on 10th.

Whinchat – Singles birds were recorded on 1st and 2nd.

Common Rosefinch* - The morning of 3rd saw a bird singing near the observatory.

Crossbill – 2 were recorded on 3rd.



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Roseate Tern, Rue Point 30th June 2023. © Neil Morris

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