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### Summary of bird sightings in the Isle of Man, June 2024

**Common Scoter** – Seven were seen flying north off Peel on 10<sup>th</sup>; with 11 on 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Wigeon** – Four drakes were present at Strandhall from 21<sup>st</sup> to the end of the month.

**Red-breasted Merganser** – A drake was in Peel Bay during the morning on 19<sup>th</sup> and presumably the same bird at Port Erin in the afternoon.

**Black-tailed Godwit** – A single bird was at Stinking Dub, Langness on 27<sup>th</sup>. A flock of 43 passed through POANR on 28<sup>th</sup>, three remaining the next day.

**Greenshank** – Single birds were reported from Peel Bay on 25<sup>th</sup> and Strandhall on 29<sup>th</sup>. At POANR one on 16<sup>th</sup> and two on 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Long-tailed Skua\*** – A pale bird flew south off Peel on 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Yellow-legged Gull\*** - Two adults and a second summer bird were together in Peel Bay on 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Mediterranean Gull** – A breeding plumage bird was at Strandhall on 24<sup>th</sup>, while a first summer bird passed Peel on the same day. Two were at Langness on 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Swift** – Continued records from their typical areas, the highest reported count being 12 over Castletown on 25<sup>th</sup>.



Mediterranean Gull, Strandhall 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024. © David Kelly



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### Calf of Man Interesting Sightings, June 2024

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**Barnacle Goose** – An individual seen at Cow Harbour on 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Common Scoter** – three past South Harbour on 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Red-breasted Merganser** – A single bird recorded flying west past South Harbour on 20<sup>th</sup> may have been the same bird seen at Peel & Port Erin the day before.

**Lapwing** – Two were recorded on 4<sup>th</sup>, one seen on 12<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> and two on 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Snipe** – An individual was recorded on 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Green Sandpiper\*** - A bird overflew on the morning of 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Puffin** – high counts were of 15 on 27<sup>th</sup> and 30 on 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Storm Petrel** – The first of the year on 16<sup>th</sup> when three were noted.

**Great Tit** – a pair fledged young mid-month, the 6<sup>th</sup> Calf breeding record.

**Skylark** – a singing bird overflew the Observatory on 26<sup>th</sup>, the first June record since 2009.

**Garden Warbler** – A single trapped at the Observatory on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Spotted Flycatcher** – Four on 3<sup>rd</sup> was the highest count during the month.

**Grey Wagtail** – Post-breeding dispersal was noted from mid-month, with three on 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> and singles on six other dates.

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