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

Green-winged Teal* – A drake was identified at Langness on 14th and remained present up to 30th.

Gadwall – Single drakes were seen at Poyllvaish on 11th, Ballannette on 24th, and at Langness on 29th & 30th. A pair were at Poyllvaish on 31st.

Long-tailed Duck – The long-staying male was reported at Derbyhaven throughout the month.

Goosander – A redhead was present at Bishop's Dub from 3rd to 11th, with two at Langness from 27th to 29th.

Great Crested Grebe – A bird was seen in Derbyhaven Bay from 15th to 17th.

Black-tailed Godwit – A single bird was present with Bar-tailed Godwit at Rue Point on 19th.

Greenshank – The single bird from Langness remained through the month; two further individuals reported were from Peel on 27th, and from Ballaugh Curraghs on 29th.

Knot – From Langness higher counts of eight on 27th, and 10 on 29th. Along the north coast, five were at Rue Point on 28th.

Manx Shearwater – A single bird flew south off Peel on 23rd.

Sandwich Tern – The first for the year was seen in Ramsey Bay on 23rd.

Cattle Egret* - The bird from February at Mount Gawne Road continued to be seen there until at least 20th. Likely the same bird was reported at Langness on 29th & 30th.

Osprey – One flew north over Poyllvaish on 31st, potentially another bird seen later that day flying north over Lonan.

Sand Martin – The first records for the year came from MBLPOANR with two on 15th.

House Martin – A single bird overflew Peel on 26th, another single seen with Sand Martins at MBLPOANR on 29th.

Swallow – The first bird was seen at Scarlett on 22nd. On 28th one was seen at the Lhen, and two at Rue Point.

Wheatear – One was present at the Sound on 11th with two there on 26th. Sightings later in the month came from Peel Castle, Cross Vien, Scard, Poyll Richie, Langness and Rue Point.

Willow Warbler – Early birds included at Poyll Dhoobie on 29th, Ballachurry on 30th and Cregneash on 31st.

Blackcap – The first singing was heard at Poyll Dhoobie on 18th, with birds heard in Andreas on 27th and Peel on 30th.

Firecrest* – A single bird was seen at Langness on 19th in the company of several Goldcrest.

Twite – A flock of 14 were at Poyllvaish on 31st.



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Firecrest, Langness 19th March 2024. © David Kelly



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Calf of Man Interesting Sightings, March 2024

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The Calf team returned to the island on 10th March for the 2024 season

Whimbrel – One was noted on 17th.

Woodcock – A late bird was recorded on 31st.

Manx Shearwater – Five were seen on a seawatch on 19th and at least 20 were present along the east coast colonies during the night of 30th.

Sand Martin - The first was seen passing over on 28th.

House Martin – Five on 31st were the first of the year.

Swallow – A single bird was recorded on 31st.

Great Spotted Woodpecker – A scarce bird for the calf, a bird was caught and ringed on 31st.

Firecrest* - A single bird was seen on the evening of 14th, with sightings also from 23rd to 27th.

Blackcap – The first of the year was caught and ringed on 25th.

Chiffchaff – a month maximum of 22 were recorded on 31st.

Willow Warbler – The first of the year arrived on 26th; 12 were recorded on 30th and 40 on 31st.

Wheatear – The first was seen on 14th, with counts rising to 22 by 31st.

Twite – Three were noted on 26th.

Species marked with * are yet to be considered by Manx Bird Records Committee.

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