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Summary of bird sightings in the Isle of Man, March 2026

Tundra Bean Goose* – Two were found among Greylag Geese in the fields at Iron Spout (between Ballabeg and Colby) on 1st, remaining until at least 25th.

White-fronted Goose* – A single bird was in the fields at Iron Spout on 29th.

Whooper Swan – 45 remained on the Ballacrye Road on 9th, but numbers had fallen to eight by 20th.

Goldeneye – The first winter drake continued at Derbyhaven seen on 11th & 23rd; peak count at POANR was 17 on 11th.

Goosander – A drake was in Derbyhaven Bay on 17th.

Red-breasted Merganser – A drake was at Langness from 2nd to 7th.

Whimbrel – The over wintering bird continued at Langness, reported on 4th & 23rd.

Marsh Harrier* – A female was reported near the Creg-ny-Baa on 18th.

Sand Martin – Birds were early to return to POANR with three on 9th and nine by 11th. Elsewhere, four near Peel on 18th and three at Ballakilley (Rushen) on 22nd.

House Martin – A single was seen near Andreas on 19th.

Swallow – The first confirmed record came on 23rd near Castletown.

Redwing – Later records included two at Billown on 20th and a single at Great Meadow on 23rd.

Fieldfare – A flock of 16 at Great Meadow on 23rd was the latest record.

Willow Warbler – Early records included from Ballachurry on 28th & 30th.

Wheatear – The first from POA on 6th followed by two on 20th. Single males at Ramsey on 18th, Langness on 23rd and Niarbyl on 25th.

Twite – A flock of 14 at Pooilvaish Farm on 2nd.

Snow Bunting – A single was seen at POA on 7th, 11th & 16th.



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Snow Bunting, Point of Ayre, 11th March 2026 © David Kelly

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