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

White-fronted Goose – A gaggle of 10 were seen flying south off Peel on 21st.

Whooper Swan – Five flew north over Langness on 5th; with 15 seen overflying Colby later the same day. Three were in stubble fields at St Marks on 1st, rising to six from 7th to 9th. A group of 27 were in fields off the Bayr ny Harey on 11th. Three overflew Peel on 27th.

Surf Scoter* – A female was seen flying south off Peel on 10th.

Common Scoter – Passing Peel on ten days in the month, the highest count being 25 flying south on 27th. Three were present in Ramsey Bay on 20th & 22nd.

Long-tailed Duck – The male remained in Derbyhaven Bay where it was reported on 14th & 19th.

Goosander – A drake was present at Kionslieu from 3rd to 12th. Two redheads were on the River Neb on 16th with three on 25th.

Red-breasted Merganser – Two flew south off Peel on 25th.

Jack Snipe – An individual was among Common Snipe at Stinking Dub, Langness on 5th.

Greenshank – The single bird remained between Derbyhaven and Langness until at least 27th.

Little Auk* – A single flew south off Peel on 15th.

Mediterranean Gull – Four were present in Douglas Bay on 12th, with singles there on 16th & 22nd. A single bird was seen in Peel Bay on 24th.

Arctic Tern – A single bird was reported off Peel on 15th.

Sandwich Tern – Late individuals were reported from Langness on 1st and Port St Mary outer harbour on 18th.

Great White Egret* – An individual was present at Bishop's Dub on 10th, remaining on the morning of the 11th before being seen to fly north.

Short-eared Owl – An individual was seen at Fort Island on 2nd.

Merlin – Single birds were seen at Langness on four dates and at Pooilvaish two were seen on 21st, one on 25th. At Peel Castle a single on 18th. In the north, one at Lough Mallow on 20th.

Swallow – Four were seen in Castletown on 4th, two remaining on 5th. The last report was from Loch Promenade, Douglas of a single on 17th.

Waxwing – A group were present around Ramsey, 14 first reported on 21st; rising to 22 on 22nd; at least 8 remaining on 24th. 15 were reported from St Johns on 25th.

Cetti's Warbler* – An individual was present in the Croit-e-Caley reedbed on 16th and was heard there again on 17th. This is the first proven Manx record.

Tree Sparrow* – One was recorded at Pooilvaish on 2nd.

Black Redstart – A single bird was recorded in Ramsey around the boat park on 23rd.



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Brambling – Single birds were seen among Chaffinch at St Marks on 7th & 8th. One was seen in a Foxdale garden on 15th.

Twite – 17 were at Poolvaish on 21st.

Snow Bunting – Single birds were seen at the summit of Sartfell on 5th and at Langness on 7th.



Waxwing, Ramsey 21st November 2023. © David Kelly

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Calf of Man Interesting Sightings, November 2023

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The Calf season finished on 11th November

Water Rail – A single was present on 7th.

Woodcock – Two records of singles on 1st and 2nd.

Great Northern Diver – five flew past Cow Harbour on 7th.

Little Egret – a single on 2nd, was just the 16th Calf record.

Short-eared Owl – A single was recorded on 4th.

Long-tailed Tit – An infrequent species on the Calf, 20 were recorded on 11th.

Chiffchaff – the last record of the season was on 1st.

Blackcap - the last record of the season was on 5th.

Brambling – Recorded on six days from 2nd to 10th.

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

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