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

Wigeon – Regular records from Langness with the highest count being 21 on 20th. From Strandhall the highest count in the month was 8 on 24th. Single birds were seen at Kionslieu on 22nd and Glascoe on 28th.

Shoveler – At Langness a female was present from 6th to 18th. At Glascoe one was present on 21st, with 10 there on 28th.

Common Scoter – Seven flew north past Peel on 10th and six south on 14th.

Goosander – A redhead was on the Sulby River in Ramsey on 21st.

Swift – The last seen was one over Peel power station on 10th.

Black-tailed Godwit – Two were present at Langness on 1st; a single was at Strandhall on 14th & 15th

Ruff – One was present at Sandwick on 1st. A different bird was at Strandhall on 10th.

Curlew Sandpiper – Two were present at Sandwick on 1st; followed by individuals on Stinking Dub on 13th and at Derbyhaven on 20th. Two were on the shingle at the Point of Ayre on 21st.

Greenshank – Two were at Stinking Dub on 20th.

Sabine's Gull* - A juvenile flew south off Peel Castle on 29th.

Common Tern* - One was present in off Peel Castle on 18th and in the bay on 24th.

Arctic Skua – One passed Peel Castle on 18th.

Manx Shearwater – Late records included passing Peel one on 10th, two on 21st and one on 29th.

Kingfisher – The bird at Peel continues to be reported. A bird was reported on the Sulby River through Ramsey on 21st & 22nd. A bird was also seen at Pooil Vaaish on 29th.

Osprey – A bird was seen plunging at Langness on 17th.

Short-eared Owl – An individual was seen around the Langness peninsula up to 16th.

Tree Sparrow* - One seen at Cregneash on 8th.

Tree Pipit* – One was heard over Cregneash on 8th; another overflew Langness on 10th.

Spotted Flycatcher – One was seen in Conrhenny Plantation on 1st, the next sighting being one at Ballachurry on 29th.

Whinchat – A single bird was reported from Maughold on 12th.

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Brent Goose – Two were seen passing the island on 21st.

Whooper Swan – The first bird of winter was recorded overflying on 27th.

Common Scoter – seen on five dates, with a maximum of 11.

Knot – The same individual seen on 13th & 15th near South Harbour

Grey Phalarope* – A single bird was present at Grants Dock on 28th.

Arctic Skua – Four seawatches over the month produced Arctic Skuas, three noted on 29th.

Long-tailed Skua* – A juvenile was seen during a seawatch on 22nd.

Manx Shearwater – young 'star-gazing' birds seen up to 19th and passage seen on four dates, with 31 on 21st being the highest count.

Osprey – Single birds were seen on 1st, 7th & 8th.

Red-eyed Vireo* – Joining the influx of North American birds in the British Isles; an individual was caught and ringed on 25th, remaining present up to 30th.

Skylark – 151 moved west on 23rd.

Icterine Warbler* – A single was caught at the Observatory on 7th.

Barred Warbler* – A immature bird was caught and ringed on 10th.

Ring Ouzel – One on 17th.

Redwing – The first bird of winter was recorded on 23rd.

Spotted Flycatcher – Five records from 2nd to 12th.

Whinchat – Single birds were recorded on 13th and 21st.

Tree Sparrow* - Nine birds were recorded on 2nd, a single on 8th.

Tree Pipit* - Recorded from 1st to 10th, though no counts exceed two.

Crossbill – a single flew west on 8th.

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



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Red-Eyed Vireo, Calf of Man 25th September 2023. © Aron Sapsford

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