

## GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF RECORDS

All observers birding in Hampshire are urged to submit their sightings to the Recorder on Hampshire Ornithological Society record forms. The form is available from the Recorder or on the society web site at <http://www.hos.org.uk/recordingforms/recform.doc>. Records can be entered on line and e-mailed to the Recorder at [keithbetton@hotmail.com](mailto:keithbetton@hotmail.com). Records can also be submitted in an excel spreadsheet or word file by e-mail or on disk by post. It would be of great assistance if observers would comply with the following points when submitting records.

- Records should be listed either by species (in the order used in the Hampshire Bird Report) or by date.
- Please submit your sightings to the Recorder quarterly and at the latest by Jan 31st of the following year.
- Information on the records required for species occurring annually is tabulated below.

A	= All records; details of age, plumage, time, direction of movement etc should be included as appropriate, especially for birds seen in places where not usually recorded or out of season.
B	= All breeding records, with type of evidence obtained: confirmed, probable or possible.
CB	= Counts of breeding pairs/singing males/territories in clearly defined areas.
F	= Flocks, roosts and falls: minimum number required is given in parentheses.
F&L	= First and last dates of summer and winter visitors.
M	= Observations of birds moving on migration: give each day's count separately, with time of observation and direction the birds were moving.
MM	= Dated monthly maxima from localities you regularly watch, counts may be below the threshold in F when submitting a complete year's data.
R	= All records from localities where not normally recorded.
S	= All summer records.
W	= All winter records.
Notes	= Brief notes of diagnostic identification features observed should be written on the record form.
Excl.	Notes not required for area or season stated.

Mute Swan	B, F (20), MM	Tufted Duck	B, F (25), MM, F&L, R
Bewick's Swan	A, Notes excl. Avon valley	Scaup	A, inland & summer Notes
White-fronted Goose	A	Eider	A, inland Notes
Greylag Goose	B, F (20), MM, R	Long-tailed Duck	A, inland & summer Notes
Bar-headed Goose	A	Common Scoter	A
Snow Goose	A	Velvet Scoter	A, inland Notes
Canada Goose	B, F (100), MM	Goldeneye	main coastal sites F (10), MM, F&L, S, elsewhere A
Lesser Canada Goose	A, Notes		
Barnacle Goose	A	Smew	A
Dark-bellied Brent Goose	F (100), MM, F&L, M, R, inland A	Red-breasted Merganser	main coastal sites F (20), MM, F&L, S, elsewhere A
Pale-bellied Brent Goose	A	Goosander	A
Egyptian Goose	A	Ruddy Duck	A
Ruddy Shelduck	A	Red-legged Partridge	B, F (50), R
Shelduck	coast: B, F (50), MM, inland: A	Grey Partridge	A
Mandarin Duck	B, F (10), MM, R	Quail	A
Wigeon	F coast & Avon valley(100), elsewhere (25), MM, F&L, R	Pheasant	CB, R
Gadwall	B,F (25), MM, F&L, R	Golden Pheasant	A
Teal	B,F coast & Avon valley (100), elsewhere (25), MM, F&L, R	Lady Amherst's Pheasant	A, Notes
Mallard	CB, F (100), MM	Red-throated Diver	A, inland & summer Notes
Pintail	main coastal sites F (20), MM, F&L, S, elsewhere A	Black-throated Diver	A, inland & summer Notes
Garganey	A	Great Northern Diver	A, inland & summer Notes
Shoveler	B, F (10), MM, F&L, R	Fulmar	A, inland Notes
Red-crested Pochard	A	Manx Shearwater	A, Notes
Pochard	B, F (10), MM, F&L, R	Gannet	A, inland Notes
		Cormorant	F (20), MM, R
		Shag	A, inland Notes
		Bittern	A

Little Egret	B, F (10), MM, M, R	Common Gull	B, F (50), MM, S
Grey Heron	B, F (10), MM, M	Lesser Black-backed Gull	B, F (50), MM, S
Spoonbill	A, inland Notes	Herring Gull	B, F (50), MM, S
Little Grebe	B, F (5), MM, R	Yellow-legged Gull	A - include age/plumage
Great Crested Grebe	B, F (10), MM, R	Iceland Gull	A, Notes
Red-necked Grebe	A, inland & summer Notes	Glaucous Gull	A, Notes
Slavonian Grebe	A, inland & summer Notes	Great Black-backed Gull	B, F (20), MM, S, inland A
Black-necked Grebe	A	Little Tern	B, F (25), F&L, M, R
Honey-buzzard	A, Notes excl. New Forest	Black Tern	A
Red Kite	A	Sandwich Tern	B, F (50), F&L, M, R
Marsh Harrier	A	Common Tern	B, F (50), F&L, M, R, inland A
Hen Harrier	A	Roseate Tern	A, Notes - inc.age/plumage
Montagu's Harrier	A, Notes	Arctic Tern	A - include age/plumage
Goshawk	A, Notes excl. New Forest	Guillemot	A
Sparrowhawk	B, M	Razorbill	A
Buzzard	B, F (10), M, R	Little Auk	A, Notes
Osprey	A	Puffin	A, Notes
Kestrel	B, M	Feral Pigeon	CB, F (100)
Merlin	A	Stock Dove	CB, F (25), M
Hobby	B, F&L, M, R	Woodpigeon	CB, F (500), M
Peregrine	A	Collared Dove	CB, F (50), M
Water Rail	A	Turtle Dove	A
Spotted Crane	A, Notes	Ring-necked Parakeet	A
Moorhen	CB, F (20), MM	Cuckoo	A
Coot	CB, F (20), MM	Barn Owl	A
Oystercatcher	B, F (100), MM, M, inland A	Little Owl	A
Avocet	A	Tawny Owl	B, R
Stone-curlew	A	Long-eared Owl	A
Little Ringed Plover	A	Short-eared Owl	A
Ringed Plover	B, F (50), MM, M, inland A	Nightjar	A
Dotterel	A, Notes	Swift	CB, F (100), MM, F&L, M
Golden Plover	F (20), F&L, S, R	Kingfisher	A especially B
Grey Plover	F (50), F&L, S, R, inland A	Hoopoe	A, Notes
Lapwing	B, F (100), MM, M, R	Wryneck	A, Notes
Knot	A	Green Woodpecker	CB, M, R
Sanderling	A	Great Spotted Woodpecker	CB, M, R
Little Stint	A	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	A
Temminck's Stint	A, Notes	Golden Oriole	A, Notes
Curlew Sandpiper	A	Red-backed Shrike	A, Notes
Purple Sandpiper	A	Great Grey Shrike	A, Notes excl. New Forest
Dunlin	F (100), MM, M, S, inland A	Magpie	CB, F (50), M
Ruff	A	Jay	CB, F (10), M
Jack Snipe	A	Jackdaw	CB, F (500), M
Snipe	B, F (5), MM, F&L, R	Rook	CB, F (500), M
Woodcock	CB, R, W	Carrion Crow	CB, F (50), M
Black-tailed Godwit	F (50), F&L, S, R, inland A	Hooded Crow	A, Notes
Bar-tailed Godwit	F (50), F&L, M, S, R, inland A	Raven	A
Whimbrel	F (10), F&L, M, W, R, inland A	Goldcrest	CB, F (10)
Curlew	B, F (100), MM, M, inland A	Firecrest	A
Common Sandpiper	A	Blue Tit	CB, F (50), M
Green Sandpiper	A	Great Tit	CB, F (20), M
Spotted Redshank	A	Coal Tit	CB, F (20), M
Greenshank	A	Willow Tit	A
Wood Sandpiper	A	Marsh Tit	A
Redshank	B, F (100), MM, M, inland A	Bearded Tit	A
Tumstone	F (20), F&L, M, S, R, inland A	Woodlark	A
Grey Phalarope	A, Notes	Skylark	CB, F (50), M
Pomarine Skua	A, Notes excl. coast in spring	Shore Lark	A, Notes
Arctic Skua	A, inland Notes	Sand Martin	B, F (100), F&L, M
Great Skua	A, inland Notes	Swallow	CB, F (100), F&L, M
Kittiwake	A - include age/plumage	House Martin	CB, F (100), F&L, M
Black-headed Gull	B, F (500), MM, S	Cetti's Warbler	A
Little Gull	A - include age/plumage	Long-tailed Tit	CB, F (20), M
Mediterranean Gull	A - include age/plumage	Yellow-browed Warbler	A, Notes

Wood Warbler	A	Wheatear	A
Chiffchaff <i>collybita</i>	CB, F (10), W	Pied Flycatcher	A
Chiffchaff other races	A, Notes	Duncock	CB, F (10)
Willow Warbler	CB, F (10), F&L	House Sparrow	CB, F (20), M
Blackcap	CB, F (10), W	Tree Sparrow	A
Garden Warbler	CB, F (5), F&L, R	Yellow Wagtail <i>flavissima</i>	A
Lesser Whitethroat	A	Yellow Wagtail other races	A, Notes
Whitethroat	CB, F (10), F&L	Grey Wagtail	B, F (5), M
Dartford Warbler	A	Pied Wagtail	CB, F (50), M
Grasshopper Warbler	A	White Wagtail	A, autumn Notes
Sedge Warbler	CB, F (5), F&L, R	Tree Pipit	A
Reed Warbler	CB, F (5), F&L, R	Meadow Pipit	B, F (25), M
Waxwing	A, Notes excl. invasion years	Rock Pipit	A
Nuthatch	CB, F (10)	Water Pipit	A
Treecreeper	CB, F (10)	Chaffinch	CB, F (50), M
Wren	CB, F (25)	Brambling	A
Starling	CB, F (100), M	Serín	A, Notes
Dipper	A, Notes	Greenfinch	CB, F (50), M
Ring Ouzel	A	Goldfinch	CB, F (20), M
Blackbird	CB, F (25), M	Siskin	B, F (10), M, S
Fieldfare	F (25), M, F&L	Linnét	CB, F (50), M
Song Thrush	CB, F (10), M	Twite	A, Notes
Redwing	F (25), M, F&L	Lesser Redpoll	A
Mistle Thrush	CB, F (25), M	Common Crossbill	A
Spotted Flycatcher	A	Bullfinch	CB, F (2), M
Robin	CB, F (25)	Hawfinch	A
Nightingale	A	Snow Bunting	A, inland Notes
Black Redstart	A	Lapland Bunting	A, Notes
Redstart	A	Yellowhammer	CB, F (10), M,
Whinchat	A	Reed Bunting	A
Stonechat	A	Corn Bunting	A

#### Records of the following scarcer species:

Whooper Swan, Tundra Bean, Taiga Bean, Pink-footed and Greenland White-fronted Geese, Black Brant, American Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, Ring-necked and Ferruginous Ducks, Surf Scoter, White-billed Diver, Sooty, Cory's and Balearic Shearwaters, Storm Petrel, Wilson's and Leach's Petrels, Night Heron, Cattle Egret, Great White Egret, Purple Heron, White Stork, Black Kite, White-tailed Eagle, Rough-legged Buzzard, Red-footed Falcon, Cormorant, Crane, Kentish Plover, American Golden Plover, White-rumped Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Red-necked Phalarope, Long-tailed Skua, Sabine's, Ring-billed and Caspian Gulls, Iceland Gull of race *kumleini*, White-winged Black Tern, Black Guillemot, Alpine Swift, Bee-eater, Woodchat Shrike, Chough, Short-toed Lark, Red-rumped Swallow, Greenish, Pallas's, Radde's, Dusky, Barred, Subalpine, Icterine, Melodious, Aquatic and Marsh Warblers, Rose-coloured Starling, Bluethroat, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Richard's, Tawny and Red-throated Pipits, Mealy (Common) Redpoll, Arctic Redpoll, Parrot Crossbill, Common Rosefinch, Cirl, Ortolan, Rustic and Little Buntings.

must be supported by the completion of *Unusual Record Forms* which are available from the Recorder or on the society web site at:

<http://www.hos.org.uk/recordingforms/UnusualRecordForm.doc>. The submission of digital photographs, or sound recordings, in electronic format is also welcomed.

**Records of the above will not be published unless they have been accepted by the HOS Records Panel.**

#### Heard only records of the above species.

Criteria for the acceptance of these by the panel are set out below:

1. The observer must have good experience of the species concerned and demonstrate that the call of the bird claimed was heard clearly.
2. The call must be described in detail including transcription on paper (length, quality, tone etc of call), comparison with other calls heard either at the same or around the same time (or failing that, qualification as to why it was different to commoner species) and frequency/timing of call(s).
3. The observer should provide an exact account of the record including, for example,

how many times the bird called and over what period of time it was heard.

**All exceptionally early or late migrants should be submitted also using the Unusual Record Forms as above.**

Records of rarer species are dealt with by the British Birds Rarities Committee. Space does not permit a full listing of these species which can be found on the BBRC website: [bbrc.org.uk](http://bbrc.org.uk). BBRC record forms are available from the Recorder.

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The submission of digital photographs, or sound recordings, in electronic format are also welcomed to supplement records. Please contact the Recorder prior to sending large files.

Good quality digital photographs of Hampshire birds are also requested for inclusion in future annual Reports. The filename should include species name, locality and date taken. Please also submit poorer quality 'record' shots of rarities, especially where it is likely the bird has not otherwise been photographed.

Please submit images for consideration to:

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Please submit medium resolution images of small file size but retain unedited originals as these may be requested later for publication. Please contact the Photographic Editor for further details.