

## 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/index.php/bird-recording/record-form>. Completed forms should be e-mailed to the Recorder at [keithbetton@hotmail.com](mailto:keithbetton@hotmail.com). Records can also be submitted in an excel spreadsheet (preferred) or word file. Hand-written submissions by post are also welcome and should be sent to Keith Betton, 8 Dukes Close, Folly Hill, Farnham, Surrey GU9 0DR. 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 required for species occurring annually; **updates for 2015 in red.**

- 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.

Mute Swan	B, F (20), MM
Bewick's Swan	A, Notes excluding Avon valley
White-fronted Goose	A
Greylag Goose	B, F (50), MM, R
Bar-headed Goose	A
Snow Goose	A
Canada Goose	B, F (100), MM
Lesser Canada Goose	A, Notes
Barnacle Goose	A
Dark-bellied Brent Goose	F (100), MM, F&L, M, R, inland A
Pale-bellied Brent Goose	A
Egyptian Goose	A
Ruddy Shelduck	A
Shelduck	coast: B, F (50), MM, inland: A
Mandarin Duck	B, F (10), MM, R
Wigeon	F coast & Avon valley (100), elsewhere (25), MM, F&L, R
Gadwall	B, F (25), MM, F&L, R
Teal	B, F coast & Avon valley (100), elsewhere (25), MM, F&L, R
Mallard	CB, F (100), MM
Pintail	main coastal sites F (20), MM, F&L, S, elsewhere A
Garganey	A
Shoveler	B, F (10), MM, F&L, R
Red-crested Pochard	A
Pochard	A
Tufted Duck	B, F (25), MM, F&L, R
Scaup	A, inland & summer Notes
Eider	A, inland Notes
Long-tailed Duck	A, inland & summer Notes
Common Scoter	A
Velvet Scoter	A, inland Notes
Goldeneye	A
Smew	A
Red-breasted Merganser	main coastal sites F (20), MM, F&L, S, elsewhere A
Goosander	A
Ruddy Duck	A
Red-legged Partridge	B, F (50), R
Grey Partridge	A
Quail	A
Pheasant	CB, R
Golden Pheasant	A
Lady Amherst's Pheasant	A, Notes
Red-throated Diver	A, inland & summer Notes
Black-throated Diver	A, inland & summer Notes
Great Northern Diver	A, inland & summer Notes
Fulmar	A, inland Notes
Manx Shearwater	A, inland Notes
Balearic Shearwater	A, Notes
Gannet	A, inland Notes
Cormorant	B, F (20), MM, R
Shag	A, inland Notes
Bittern	A
Little Egret	B, F (10), MM, M, R
Great White Egret	A, Notes <b>excluding Avon Valley</b>
Grey Heron	B, F (10), MM, M
White Stork	A, Notes
Spoonbill	A, inland Notes
Little Grebe	B, F (5), MM, R
Great Crested Grebe	B, F (10), MM, R
Red-necked Grebe	A, Notes
Slavonian Grebe	A, inland & summer Notes
Black-necked Grebe	A
Honey-buzzard	A, Notes excluding New Forest
Red Kite	A
Marsh Harrier	A
Hen Harrier	A
Goshawk	A, Notes excluding New Forest
Sparrowhawk	B, M
Buzzard	B, F (10), M, R
Osprey	A
Water Rail	A
Spotted Crake	A, Notes
Moorhen	CB, F (20), MM
Coot	CB, F (20), MM
Stone-curlew	A
Avocet	A

Oystercatcher	B, F (100), MM, M, inland A
Golden Plover	A
Grey Plover	F (20), F&L, S, R, inland A
Lapwing	B, F (50), MM, M, R
Little Ringed Plover	A
Ringed Plover	B, F (20), MM, M, inland A
Dotterel	A, Notes
Whimbrel	F (10), F&L, M, W, R, inland A
Curlew	B, F (50), MM, M, inland A
Black-tailed Godwit	F (50), F&L, S, R, inland A
Bar-tailed Godwit	A
Turnstone	F (20), F&L, M, S, R, inland A
Knot	A
Ruff	A
Curlew Sandpiper	A
Temminck's Stint	A, Notes
Dunlin	F (100), MM, M, S, inland A
Sanderling	A
Purple Sandpiper	A
Little Stint	A
Grey Phalarope	A, Notes
Common Sandpiper	A
Green Sandpiper	A
Spotted Redshank	A
Greenshank	A
Wood Sandpiper	A
Redshank	B, F (50), MM, M, inland A
Jack Snipe	A
Woodcock	CB, R, W
Snipe	B, F (5), MM, F&L, R
Pomarine Skua	A, Notes excluding coast in spring
Arctic Skua	A, inland Notes
Great Skua	A, inland Notes
Puffin	A, Notes
Razorbill	A
Little Auk	A, Notes
Guillemot	A
Little Tern	B, F (25), F&L, M, R
Black Tern	A
Sandwich Tern	B, F (50), F&L, M, R
Common Tern	B, F (50), F&L, M, R, inland A
Roseate Tern	A, Notes - include age/plumage
Arctic Tern	A - include age/plumage
Kittiwake	A - include age/plumage
Black-headed Gull	B, F (500), MM, S
Little Gull	A - include age/plumage
Mediterranean Gull	A - include age/plumage
Common Gull	B, F (50), MM, S
Lesser Black-backed Gull	B, F (50), MM, S
Herring Gull	B, F (50), MM, S
Yellow-legged Gull	A - include age/plumage
Iceland Gull	A, Notes
Glaucous Gull	A, Notes
Great Black-backed Gull	B, F (10), MM, S, inland A
Feral Pigeon	CB, F (100)
Stock Dove	CB, F (25), M
Woodpigeon	CB, F (500), M
Collared Dove	CB, F (25), M
Turtle Dove	A
Cuckoo	A
Barn Owl	A
Little Owl	A
Tawny Owl	B, R
Long-eared Owl	A, Notes
Short-eared Owl	A
Nightjar	A
Swift	CB, F (25), MM, F&L, M
Kingfisher	A especially B
Hoopoe	A, Notes
Wryneck	A, Notes
Green Woodpecker	CB, M, R
Great Spotted Woodpecker	CB, M, R
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	A
Kestrel	B, M
Merlin	A

Hobby	B, F&L, M, R
Peregrine	A
Ring-necked Parakeet	A
Golden Oriole	A, Notes
Red-backed Shrike	A, Notes
Great Grey Shrike	A, Notes excluding New Forest
Magpie	CB, F (50), M
Jay	CB, F (10), M
Jackdaw	CB, F (500), M
Rook	CB, F (250), M
Carrion Crow	CB, F (50), M
Hooded Crow	A, Notes
Raven	A
Goldcrest	CB, F (10)
Firecrest	A
Blue Tit	CB, F (50), M
Great Tit	CB, F (20), M
Coal Tit	CB, F (20), M
Willow Tit	A, Notes
Marsh Tit	A
Bearded Tit	A
Woodlark	A
Skylark	CB, F (20), M
Shore Lark	A, Notes
Sand Martin	B, F (50), F&L, M
Swallow	CB, F (100), F&L, M
House Martin	CB, F (100), F&L, M
Cetti's Warbler	A
Long-tailed Tit	CB, F (20), M
Yellow-browed Warbler	A, Notes
Wood Warbler	A
Chiffchaff <i>collybita</i>	CB, F (10), W
Chiffchaff other races	A, Notes
Willow Warbler	CB, F (10), F&L
Blackcap	CB, F (10), W
Garden Warbler	CB, F (5), F&L, R
Lesser Whitethroat	A
Whitethroat	CB, F (10), F&L
Dartford Warbler	A
Grasshopper Warbler	A
Sedge Warbler	CB, F (5), F&L, R
Reed Warbler	CB, F (5), F&L, R
Waxwing	A, Notes excluding invasion years
Nuthatch	CB, F (10), R
Treecreeper	CB, F (10), R
Wren	CB, F (25)
Starling	CB, F (100), M
Dipper	A, Notes
Ring Ouzel	A
Blackbird	CB, F (25), M
Fieldfare	F (25), M, F&L
Song Thrush	CB, F (10), M
Redwing	F (25), M, F&L
Mistle Thrush	CB, F (10), M
Spotted Flycatcher	A
Robin	CB, F (25)
Nightingale	A
Pied Flycatcher	A
Black Redstart	A
Redstart	A
Whinchat	A
Stonechat	A
Wheatear	A
Dunnock	CB, F (10)
House Sparrow	CB, F (20), M
Tree Sparrow	A
Yellow Wagtail <i>flavissima</i>	A
Yellow Wagtail other races	A, Notes
Grey Wagtail	B, F (5), M
Pied Wagtail	CB, F (50), M
White Wagtail	A, autumn Notes
Tree Pipit	A
Meadow Pipit	B, F (25), M
Rock Pipit	A
Water Pipit	A

Brambling	A
Chaffinch	CB, F (50), M
Hawfinch	A
Bullfinch	CB, F (2), M
Greenfinch	CB, F (20), M
Linnet	CB, F (20), M
Twite	A, Notes
Lesser Redpoll	A
Common Crossbill	A
Goldfinch	CB, F (20), M
Serín	A, Notes
Siskin	B, F (10), M, S
Snow Bunting	A, inland Notes
Lapland Bunting	A, Notes
Yellowhammer	CB, F (10), M,
Reed Bunting	A
Corn Bunting	A

### Scarcer species

Records of the scarcer species listed below 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/index.php/bird-recording>. Additional evidence in the form of digital photographs or sound recordings in electronic format is also welcomed. Records of these species will not be published in the *Hampshire Bird Report* unless they have been accepted by the HOS Records Panel.

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, **Lesser Scaup**, Surf Scoter, White-billed Diver, Sooty and Cory's Shearwaters, Wilson's, Storm and Leach's Petrels, Night Heron, Cattle Egret, Purple Heron, Glossy Ibis, Black Kite, Montagu's Harrier, Rough-legged Buzzard, Corncrake, Crane, American Golden Plover, Kentish Plover, White-rumped Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Red-necked Phalarope, Long-tailed Skua, Black Guillemot, White-winged Black Tern, Sabine's, Ring-billed and Caspian Gulls, Iceland Gull of race *kumleini*, Alpine Swift, Bee-eater, Red-footed Falcon, Woodchat Shrike, Chough, Hooded Crow, **Penduline Tit**, Short-toed Lark, Red-rumped Swallow, Greenish, Pallas's, Radde's, Dusky, Barred, Subalpine, Icterine, Melodious, **Blyth's Reed** and Marsh Warblers, Rose-coloured Starling, Bluethroat, Red-breasted Flycatcher, **Citrine Wagtail**, Richard's, Olive-backed and Red-throated Pipits, Common Rosefinch, Common (Mealy) Redpoll, Arctic Redpoll, Parrot Crossbill and Cirl, Ortolan and Little Buntings. All exceptionally early or late migrants.

### Heard only records of the above species.

Criteria for the acceptance of these by the panel are as follows:

- The observer must have good experience of the species concerned and demonstrate that the call of the bird claimed was heard clearly.
- 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).
- 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.

### UK Rarities

Records of rarer species are dealt with by the *British Birds Rarities Committee*. Record forms are available from the Recorder and should be returned to him for onward transmission to the *BBRC*. Alternatively submissions can be made on line at <http://www.bbrc.org.uk/submit-a-sighting>, in which case it is appreciated if copies are e-mailed to the Recorder. **Aquatic Warbler, Tawny Pipit and Rustic Bunting have been added to the list of species considered by the BBRC with effect from Jan 1st 2015.** A full list of species considered by the *BBRC* is available on its website.

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## Photographs for inclusion in the Hampshire Bird Report

The Photographic Editor welcomes the submission of good quality digital photographs of birds taken in Hampshire for consideration for future reports. Pictures of any species, including common ones, are welcome. The filename should include the species name, locality, date taken and photographer's name. Please also submit poorer quality record shots of rarities, especially if it is likely that the bird has not been otherwise photographed. Please

send images for consideration to Alan Lewis [alanlewis1@virginmedia.com](mailto:alanlewis1@virginmedia.com) Photographers are asked to send medium resolution images but to retain the unedited originals as these may be requested later for publication.