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Summary of bird sightings in the Isle of Man, January 2025

Pink-footed Goose – A flock of approximately 200 were at POANR on 15th.

Whooper Swan – 23 was the highest count from the wintering herd near Ballaugh Cronk. On 12th; five were on a dub near Kimmeragh, and 26 passed over Lonan and two overflow Poolvaish.

Pintail – The female at POANR remained; noted on 2nd, 12th & 19th.

Ring-necked Duck* – The female at Clypse remained on 2nd.

Scaup* – A first winter male was at Strandhall on 10th.

Goosander – The redhead remained in Ramsey through the month. Elsewhere eight were at Langness on 5th; four on the Silverburn on 9th and three were on Kionslieu on 18th.

Avocet* – The 2024 bird remained at Derbyhaven until at least 6th.

Greenshank – The single bird between Langness and Derbyhaven remained through the month.

Purple Sandpiper – A high count of 47 from the Port St Mary high tide roost on 16th; and 20 in Peel on 18th.

Cattle Egret* - After being seen flying over Mount Gawne Road on 25th, a single was located among cattle at Cronk Hunna, Ballafesson on 27th; remaining to the end of the month.

Mediterranean Gull – Two were in Derbyhaven Bay on 5th.

Black-throated Diver – Off Peel 11 on 14th was the highest count of the month.

Kingfisher – The Ramsey individual was reported on 4th & 22nd and the Peel bird throughout the month. No records from Castletown.

Chiffchaff – Three were together at Port Soderick on 2nd; and a bird in a Castletown garden on 7th.

Black Redstart – The Castletown individual remained on 4th & 6th. Two were in Ramsey on 15th and one at Fenella Bay, Peel on 30th.

Brambling – Up to three birds were recorded near Santon from 1st to 4th.

Twite – 17 were noted at POANR on 12th.

Yellowhammer* - After the bird seen on 31st December 2024 at Santon, a single bird was seen on 2nd; with two on 3rd.



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Cattle Egret, Ballafesson 29th January 2025. © David Kelly

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