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Summary of bird sightings in the Isle of Man, July 2024

Manx Birdlife Point of Ayre National Reserve opened to the public in July and is currently open from 9am on Wednesdays and Sundays. Sightings from the reserve will feature in these summaries more often.

Common Scoter – Off Peel the largest movement was 20 north on 21st followed by eight south on 23rd with six on 28th.

Great Crested Grebe – An adult was present in Derbyhaven Bay on 25th & 26th.

Lapwing – Two were seen over Lonan on 31st. At Langness singles were reported on 13th & 25th.

Black-tailed Godwit – At Langness one on 3rd, 4th & 21st. A single bird was present at Glascoe on 10th with 18 seen overflying POANR that day. One was also at POANR on 16th.

Greenshank – Multiple sightings of singles from Langness and Derbyhaven with two noted on 10th & 25th. A total of five were noted at Derbyhaven on 29th. At Peel two on 6th and a single on 10th. A single also at Strandhall on 13th.

Wood Sandpiper* - A bird was present at Langness on 11th

Great Skua – The Calf bird continued to roam the south coast, seen at Scarlett on 7th and Langness on 17th & 19th. Singles were seen off Peel on 19th & 25th.

Arctic Skua – A pale-phase bird passed POA on 10th, with six there on 13th. Sightings from Rue Point and Smeale included one on 16th and three on 26th. At Peel, two were seen on 20th and a dark-phase bird was seen on 25th.

Pomarine Skua* - A pale-phase bird was reported off Peel on 20th.

Mediterranean Gull – Two were at Glascoe on 1st. Single birds were seen at Strandhall on 3rd & 22nd; Derbyhaven on 10th & 25th; Douglas Bay on 5th, POA on 13th & 18th and Rue Point on 18th. From Peel various birds were seen on 4th, 5th, 10th, 14th, 19th, 24th & 29th.

Sandwich Tern – High counts of post-breeding birds included 75 at Rue Point on 16th.

Storm Petrel – Sightings from POA included two on 3rd, one on 13th and three on 18th. Off Peel singles were seen each day from 3rd to 6th & 10th; two were seen on 29th.

Swift – The only counts into double-digits were 30 over Castletown on 12th; 14 near Colby on 17th and 14 over Port Erin on 27th.

Crossbill – A single bird was reported from Glion Gill Plantation on 14th.

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Sourced from Manx Birdlife website and Twitter feed, and some eBird contributors; with thanks.



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Lapwing – Three were seen on 12th & 30th.

Puffin – Up to eight seen regularly until mid-month, and peak counts during seawatches with 13 on 2nd and 23 on 4th & 26th.

Storm Petrel – Up to eight recorded on six nights during the month, plus peak counts of 15 on 24th & 14 on 28th.

Cuckoo – Single birds were recorded from 14th – 16th and on 25th & 28th.

Grey Wagtail – post-breeding dispersal recorded throughout the month, with a peak of seven individuals on 7th.

White Wagtail – early records included singles on 15th and from 23rd – 26th.

Tree Pipit – The first of autumn flew over on 31st.



Wood Sandpiper, Langness 11th July 2024. © David Kelly



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POA- Point of Ayre

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