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### Summary of bird sightings in the Isle of Man, March 2025

**Brent Goose** – 110 at Langness on 31<sup>st</sup> was the highest count of the month. Two dark-bellied birds were at Strandhall from 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Pink-footed Goose** – 107 were at Lough Mallow on 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Whooper Swan** – A flock of 40 arrived on Kionslieu on 11<sup>th</sup>; remaining to 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Pintail** – The female at POANR remained; noted on at least six days.

**Red-breasted Merganser** – A drake reappeared at Langness on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Goosander** – At Kionslieu six redheads were present on 14<sup>th</sup>, three on 23<sup>rd</sup>. Single redheads were at Poyll Richie on 12<sup>th</sup> and Langness on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Cattle Egret\*** – At Cronk Hunna a single bird was present up to 7<sup>th</sup> with a second bird present again on 1<sup>st</sup>. Likely the same birds seen with cattle at Ballacreggan, Port St Mary on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Sandwich Tern** – The first of the year was a single at Rue Point on 23<sup>rd</sup>; another single bird off Scarlett on 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Red Kite\*** – A bird was seen near the Garey and central hills on 3<sup>rd</sup>; near Orrisdale (Ballasalla) and near Crosby on 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Hoopoe** – Single birds were seen in Douglas gardens on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>; and in Castletown gardens on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> suggesting two separate birds.

**Sand Martin** – An early bird was seen near Cregneash on 6<sup>th</sup>. The first of the year at POANR was a single on 12<sup>th</sup> with 48 counted on 23<sup>rd</sup>. One was at Ballakinnag on 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Swallow** – The first report was a single near Cregneash on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**House Martin** – A single bird among Swallow and Sand Martin at Patrick on 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Willow Warbler** – Early singles included in Peel on 19<sup>th</sup>, Ballaghennie on 20<sup>th</sup>, Congary Curragh on 24<sup>th</sup> and Ballachurry on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Black Redstart** – Female type birds remained at Ramsey boatpark until at least 8<sup>th</sup> and Fenella Bay, Peel from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. A male was seen at Scard on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Wheatear** – On the Ballaghennie Ayres; four on 19<sup>th</sup>, seven on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Twite** – Seven were at POANR on 26<sup>th</sup>.



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### Calf of Man Interesting Sightings, March 2025

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The Calf team returned to the island on 7<sup>th</sup> March for the 2025 season

**Whooper Swan** – A group of 22 overflowed on 16<sup>th</sup> (largest Calf day-count). A satellite-tracked individual overflowed on 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Jack Snipe** – Singles recorded overnight on 16<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>; two on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Red Kite\*** – A single on 8<sup>th</sup> was the first March record and likely the same individual seen on the mainland.

**Goshawk\*** – A female drifted north on 24<sup>th</sup>; the 13<sup>th</sup> Calf record.

**Manx Shearwater** – The first was observed on land on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Puffin** – Single birds were noted off the West coast on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Sand Martin** – The first of the year was a single on 8<sup>th</sup> – the earliest Calf record by four days.

**House Martin** – Two on 30<sup>th</sup> were the first of the year.

**Swallow** – The first of the year were two on 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Black Redstart** – A male was briefly at the observatory on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Willow Warbler** – A single on 21<sup>st</sup> followed by three on 22<sup>nd</sup>, two on 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> and three on 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Wheatear** – The first were seen on 8<sup>th</sup> with four present (joint-earliest Calf records), with counts rising to 21 on 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Twite** – Singles noted on 16<sup>th</sup> (Gibdale), 19<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> (both Kione ny Halby).

**Lapland Bunting\*** - A bird overflowed the observatory on 30<sup>th</sup> – only the third March record and the fourth spring record.



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Hoopoe, Douglas 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025. © Peter Christian

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