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

Pink-footed Goose – A late bird remained at POANR up to 5th.

Wigeon – A late drake was at Langness on 15th. A pair were at POANR until 25th.

Long-tailed Duck – The long staying male was last noted at Derbyhaven on 6th, while the female at POANR was noted up to 25th.

Grey Plover – A single was at Langness on 6th.

Greenshank – A single at POANR on 10th.

Black-tailed Godwit – A single bird was at Poyll Brienn, Langness on 15th.

Little Stint – A single bird was among a large Dunlin flock at Sandwick from 6th to 11th.

Ruff – A single bird was on the floods at Glascoe on 7th.

Knot – A large flock of 187 flew past Sandwick on 22nd. Smaller numbers at Langness included two on 6th and singles on 10th & 18th; elsewhere one at Rue Point on 5th and five at Strandhall on 14th.

Great Crested Grebe - A single was present at POANR on 25th.

Glossy Ibis* - The islands second record came with a bird seen on floods at Glascoe on 1st and remained until 4th.

Great White Egret* - One overflew POA on 10th.

Osprey – Sightings of single birds came from a variety of locations; Rue Point on 5th, Gansey on 6th, north over St Johns on 7th, Peel and Derbyhaven on 17th and POANR on 25th.

Red Kite* - Two were seen overflying Druidale on 11th. One flew north over the Howe, Cregneash on 20th.

Arctic Skua – A dark bird flew from Derbyhaven to Castletown Bay on 22nd.

Swift – After singles in Peel on 4th and Derbyhaven on 6th; from 8th onwards, birds were reported from their typical areas around Port Erin, Castletown, Douglas, Peel and Ramsey.

Arctic Tern – Two or three birds were present at Rue Point from 4th to 7th. Birds returned to POA by 22nd.

Rose-coloured Starling* - An adult bird was seen at Langness on 6th.

Bee-eater* - A single bird flew south over the Point of Ayre on 7th.

Golden Oriole* - A bird was seen in POANR on 25th.

Cuckoo – Individuals were seen or heard calling at Druidale on 7th, Ballaghennie on 7th & 10th, Ballabeg on 10th, Earystane on 11th; and at Ballakilpheric and Dalby Mountain on 12th.

Wood Warbler* - A single bird was present in POANR on 5th.

Pied Flycatcher* - A female type was seen at POANR on 5th.



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Spotted Flycatcher – Birds were also seen at POANR on 13th & 25th. A single bird was in Howe Glen on 20th & 27th, with two there on 25th. A bird was seen at Ronague on 24th.

Yellow Wagtail* - Several individuals were seen at the Glascoe floods. One *Flavissima* bird was present on 2nd, two on 5th. A potential *Iberiae* bird was present on 3rd & 4th.

Crossbill – Two were seen in Arrasey Plantation on 10th.



Glossy Ibis, Glascoe 1st May 2024. © David Kelly

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Calf of Man Interesting Sightings, May 2024

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Cuckoo – One on 6th, 14th & 26th

Water Rail – Two adults were present all month and proven to breed. The first breeding record since 1994.

Greenshank – An unseasonal record of one on 25th.

Arctic Skua – One was noted on 31st.

Bittern* - A bird was heard booming on the morning of 8th.

Puffin - The first of the year came on 3rd; singles noted again on 7th and 8th. Two recorded on 18th, 19th, 21st; then four on 22nd and 28th.

Merlin – A late bird was still present on 9th

Osprey – One was noted on both 11th and 22nd.

Red Kite – A bird was seen over the island on 10th & 12th and two were seen together on 20th.

Short-eared Owl – A bird was present on 5th and 28th.

Woodlark* - One flew north over the Observatory on 8th.

Spotted Flycatcher – 1 on 5th, 7 present on 8th, one again on 12th, three on 13th, two on 15th, three on 21st, seven on 25th, eight on 26th, six on 27th, four on 28th

Redstart – A single was recorded on 1st

Nightingale* - An individual was caught and ringed on 15th.

Wood Warbler* - A bird was caught and ringed on 6th.

Grasshopper Warbler – A single on 5th

Reed Warbler* - Single birds caught and ringed on 1st, 2nd & 3rd. Three were recorded on 16th.

Garden Warbler – One on each of 1st, 2nd, 13th, 14th, 17th

Lesser Whitethroat – Two were recorded on 1st and a single on 5th.

Tree Sparrow* – One on 2nd followed by four on 3rd.

Brambling – A late individual was caught and ringed on 25th.

Common Rosefinch* - A singing 'brown' male was caught and ringed on the morning of 25th and remained on 27th.



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POANR- Manx Birdlife Point of Ayre National Reserve

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