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### Summary of bird sightings in the Isle of Man, September 2024

**Pink-footed Goose** – Several sightings on 27<sup>th</sup>; a flock of 23 off POA, 31 off Peel and 14 among Greylags at Lough Mallow.

**Brent Goose** – Numbers rose through the month at Derbyhaven from two at the start of the month peaking with 12 on 25<sup>th</sup>. Two were present at Strandhall from 21<sup>st</sup>. Passing Peel three dark-bellied birds on 15<sup>th</sup>; and pale-bellied two N on 7<sup>th</sup>, 23 on 11<sup>th</sup> and two S on 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Wigeon** – The first sighting from Carrick Bay was two on 6<sup>th</sup>, numbers here rising to 36 by 25<sup>th</sup>. Around Langness/Derbyhaven the first returning was a single on 4<sup>th</sup>, and the peak during the month was 19 on 29<sup>th</sup>. Highest count from POANR was 40 on 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Swift** – One of the last sightings was a single over Port St Mary on 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Little Ringed Plover\*** – A juvenile was present at POANR on 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Black-tailed Godwit** – Only one sighting, a single at Langness on 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Greenshank** – Sightings from Langness and Derbyhaven continues, with 4 on 3<sup>rd</sup> being the highest count; one or two regularly through the month.

**Purple Sandpiper** – All sightings from the usual sites of Peel and Port St Mary; with highest counts of three and two respectively.

**Little Stint** – A juvenile was present at POANR on 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Arctic Skua** – Dark phase individuals passed Peel on 14<sup>th</sup> and POA on 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Pomarine Skua\*** - One flew E past POA on 21<sup>st</sup> in company of the Arctic Skua.

**Mediterranean Gull** – A first winter bird was at Strandhall on 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Sandwich Tern** – No counts reported exceeded eight (Langness on 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Great White Egret\*** - Two were together at POANR on 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Kingfisher** – Peel sightings continue with two recorded on the Neb on 16<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Elsewhere a bird was seen at Gansey on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Lesser Whitethroat** – At least one remained at POANR on 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Rose-coloured Starling\*** - A bird was reported from Ballasalla on 1<sup>st</sup> and remained until at least 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Whinchat** – A bird was on the saltmarsh at Langness on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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POA- Point of Ayre

POANR- Manx Birdlife Point of Ayre National Reserve



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### Calf of Man Interesting Sightings, September 2024

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**Mute Swan** – A scarce bird for the Calf, one was noted passing on 19<sup>th</sup> – only the 11<sup>th</sup> Calf record.

**Pink-footed Goose** – 35 were noted on 12<sup>th</sup> and 50 were seen passing on 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Dotterel\*** - A bird flew south over the observatory on 16<sup>th</sup>; only the second Calf record.

**Common Sandpiper** – A late bird was recorded on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Pomarine Skua\*** – A bird was seen flying S off Cow Harbour on 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Puffin** – A late bird was recorded on 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Storm Petrel** – A single seen offshore on 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Little Egret** – four singles recorded between 15<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Goshawk\*** - A single was recorded on 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Long-eared Owl** – A scarce bird for the Calf, a single was recorded on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Chiffchaff** – a bird showing characteristics of the Siberian race 'tristis' was seen on 25<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Whitethroat** – The last recorded was a single on 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Lesser Whitethroat** – A single was noted on 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Barred Warbler\*** – A bird was caught and ringed on 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Spotted Flycatcher** – Two birds on 7<sup>th</sup>, singles on 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Pied Flycatcher\*** – A first year bird was caught and ringed on 4<sup>th</sup>.

**White Wagtail** – peak movements of 192 on 1<sup>st</sup> & 183 on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Tree Sparrow\*** - Singles were noted on 16<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Meadow Pipit** – Some significant movements with the highest daily count being 829 on 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Tree Pipit\*** – Highest count was 12 on 6<sup>th</sup>, the last being a single on 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Common Rosefinch\*** - A bird was caught and ringed on 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Crossbill** – A single was recorded on 6<sup>th</sup>, the first of 2024.

Species marked with \* are yet to be considered by Manx Bird Records Committee.



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Rose-coloured Starling, Ballasalla 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024. © David Kelly

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