

Rare breeding birds in the United Kingdom in 2009

The following updates to the published species accounts reflect additional data and corrections received after publication of the 2009 RBBP report in *British Birds* 104:476-537 (September 2011). This update includes all known amendments up to 30th November 2011.

Red Kite *Milvus milvus*

Revised total: a minimum of 1,095 pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[Scotland, Mid](#)

Upper Forth (Central Scotland RSG) Confirmed and probable breeding pairs: 28.

Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

Revised totals: 363-408 breeding females/pairs.

Amended totals for the following county:

[Scotland, Mid](#)

Fife/Perth & Kinross Four pairs: three successful pairs fledged ten young; one other pair thought not to have laid eggs.

Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus*

Revised totals: 240-317 monitored pairs fledged a minimum of 435 young.

Amended county totals as follows:

[Scotland, S](#)

Borders Territories: 2; Confirmed breeding pairs: 1; Territories fledging young: 1; Min. no. young fledged: 4.

S Strathclyde RSG Territories: 21; Confirmed breeding pairs: 16; Territories fledging young: 8; Min. no. young fledged: 23.

[Scotland, Mid](#)

Moray & Nairn Territories: 9; Confirmed breeding pairs: 9; Territories fledging young: 5; Min. no. young fledged: 15.

Perth & Kinross Territories: 26; Confirmed breeding pairs: 17; Territories fledging young: 14; Min. no. young fledged: 49.

[Scotland, N & W](#)

Argyll (including Bute) Min. no. young fledged: 51.

Caithness Territories: 10; Confirmed breeding pairs: 10; Territories fledging young: 4; Min. no. young fledged: 9.

Highland Territories: 34; Confirmed breeding pairs: 25; Territories fledging young: 17; Min. no. young fledged: 55.

Orkney Territories fledging young: 31.

Outer Hebrides Territories: 13; Confirmed breeding pairs: 7.

Other totals for Scottish regions remain as published.

Revised totals for rare birds breeding in 2009, using data received up to 30 November 2011.

These changes mean that the UK totals should now be as follows: Territories: 317;
Confirmed breeding pairs: 240; Territories fledging young: 149; Min. no. young fledged: 435.

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

Revised totals: 292-444 pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, N](#)

Co. Durham Confirmed breeding pairs: 1; Total pairs: 8.

[Scotland, S](#)

Dumfries & Galloway Confirmed breeding pairs: 17; Total pairs: 19.

[Scotland, Mid](#)

North-east Scotland Confirmed breeding pairs: 37; Total pairs: 40.

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*

Revised totals: data were available on a total of 242 home ranges.

Amended county totals as follows:

[Scotland, Mid](#)

North-east Scotland Confirmed breeding pairs: 8; Total pairs: 15; Min. no. young fledged: 12.

[Scotland, N & W](#)

Argyll (including Bute) Confirmed breeding pairs: 39; Total pairs: 56; Min. no. young fledged: 18.

Highland Probable breeding pairs: 46; Confirmed breeding pairs: 53; Total pairs: 99; Min. no. young fledged: 44.

Outer Hebrides (Uists) Probable breeding pairs: 3; Confirmed breeding pairs: 19; Total pairs: 22; Min. no. young fledged: 12.

Other totals for Scottish regions remain as published.

These changes mean that the UK totals should now be as follows: Probable breeding pairs: 86; Confirmed breeding pairs: 156; Total pairs: 242; Min. no. young fledged: 111.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Revised totals: 165-179 pairs. At least 275 young fledged.

Amended county totals as follows:

[Scotland, S & Mid](#)

Tayside RSG 43 pairs bred, fledging 60 young, and two other territorial pairs.

[Scotland, N & W](#)

Highland RSG 49 pairs bred, fledging 80 young, and three other territorial pairs.

Merlin Falco columbarius

Revised totals: 269-390 pairs monitored.

Amended county totals as follows:

Scotland, S

Dumfries & Galloway RSG Confirmed breeding pairs: 4; Total pairs: 11.

Lothian & Borders RSG Confirmed breeding pairs: 14; Total pairs: 26.

S Strathclyde RSG (incl. Ayrshire) Confirmed breeding pairs: 6; Total pairs: 10.

Scotland, Mid

Angus & Dundee Confirmed breeding pairs: 10; Total pairs: 17.

North-east Scotland Confirmed breeding pairs: 29; Total pairs: 30.

Perth & Kinross Confirmed breeding pairs: 5; Total pairs: 14.

Scotland, N & W

Argyll Confirmed breeding pairs: 1; Total pairs: 2.

Caithness Confirmed breeding pairs: 2; Total pairs: 2.

Highland Confirmed breeding pairs: 20; Total pairs: 34.

Shetland Confirmed breeding pairs: 16; Total pairs: 17.

Peregrine Falcon Falco peregrinus

Revised totals: 820-1,026 pairs monitored.

Amended county totals as follows:

Scotland, S

Clyde Islands Confirmed breeding pairs: 3; Total pairs: 3.

Dumfries & Galloway RSG Confirmed breeding pairs: 40; Total pairs: 48.

Lothian & Borders RSG Confirmed breeding pairs: 47; Total pairs: 55.

S Strathclyde RSG (Ayrshire/Clyde) Confirmed breeding pairs: 21; Total pairs: 26.

Scotland, Mid

Angus & Dundee Confirmed breeding pairs: 11; Total pairs: 17.

Central Scotland RSG Confirmed breeding pairs: 15; Total pairs: 19.

Perth & Kinross/Fife Confirmed breeding pairs: 27; Total pairs: 41.

Scotland, N & W

Argyll Confirmed breeding pairs: 14; Total pairs: 22.

Highland RSG Confirmed breeding pairs: 11; Total pairs: 14.

Mediterranean Gull Larus melanocephalus

Correction to text; no change to published totals.

England, N

Yorkshire One site: one pair probably bred and one pair possibly bred.

Wales

Carmarthenshire The one breeding pair constitutes the first confirmed breeding of this species in Wales.

Iberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus ibericus*

The published RBBP report for 2009 did not include any records of this species.

One site: one singing male. With the addition of this record, and the belated acceptance (by BBRC) of a singing bird in Cheshire & Wirral in 2004, the Panel now has records of this species from eight of the last 11 years, since the first in 1999.

England, SW

Hampshire One site: one singing male heard from 10th to 17th May.

Savi's Warbler *Locustella lusciniodes*

Correction to text (dates only); no change to published totals.

England, SE

Greater London/Essex One site: one singing male 30th April to 30th May.