

## Rare breeding birds in the United Kingdom in 2010

The following updates to the published species accounts reflect additional data and corrections received after publication of the 2010 RBBP report in *British Birds* 105:352-416 (July 2012). This update includes all known amendments up to 29th August 2013.

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### Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus*

Correction to text; no change to published totals.

#### Scotland, N & W

**Caithness** One site: one pair *possibly* bred.

### Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix*

Revised totals: 7-573 pairs.

#### Wales

**Gwent** One site: one pair bred.

### Honey-buzzard *Pernis apivorus*

Revised totals: 29-46 pairs.

Amended totals as follows:

#### Scotland

Four territories occupied in three counties. No confirmed breeding reported.

### Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

Revised totals: 294-439 pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

#### Wales

**Ceredigion** Confirmed breeding pairs: 1; Total pairs: 7.

**Denbigh & Flint** Confirmed breeding pairs: 2; Total pairs: 2.

**East Glamorgan** Confirmed breeding pairs: 0; Total pairs: 7.

**Gower** Confirmed breeding pairs: 9; Total pairs: 13.

**Gwent** Confirmed breeding pairs: 26; Total pairs: 26.

This makes the totals for Wales: Confirmed breeding pairs: 50; Total pairs: 109.

### Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Revised totals: 181-212 pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

#### Scotland, S & Mid

**Angus & Dundee** Two pairs bred, fledging five young.

Revised totals for rare birds breeding in 2010, using data received up to 29 August 2013.

### *Merlin Falco columbarius*

Revised totals: 263-344 pairs monitored.

Amended county totals as follows:

#### Wales

**Breconshire** Confirmed breeding pairs: 3; Territories occupied by pairs: 5.

**Caernarfonshire** Confirmed breeding pairs: 0; Territories occupied by pairs: 2.

This makes the totals for Wales: Confirmed breeding pairs: 15; Territories occupied by pairs: 25.

### *Peregrine Falcon Falco columbarius*

Revised totals: 836-1,112 pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

#### England, SE

**Sussex** Confirmed breeding pairs: 18; Territories occupied by pairs: 21.

#### Wales

**Gower** Confirmed breeding pairs: 10; Territories occupied by pairs: 12.

**Gwent** Confirmed breeding pairs: 6; Territories occupied by pairs: 6.

This makes the totals for Wales: Confirmed breeding pairs: 121; Territories occupied by pairs: 167.

#### Scotland, mid

**North-east Scotland** Confirmed breeding pairs: 6; Territories occupied by pairs: 8.

### *Water Rail Rallus aquaticus*

Revised totals: 374 sites: a minimum of 1,035 territories. Note also that the 1988-91 population estimate is incorrect and should be deleted.

Additional data received for the following county:

#### Scotland, mid

**Fife** Total should be 5 sites, 5 territories.

### *Spotted Crake Porzana porzana*

Revised totals: 0-23 pairs.

#### England, E

**Cambridgeshire** Two sites: (1) Ouse Washes: at least two (and possibly as many as three) singing males from 22nd April to 15th June; (2) Nene Washes: up to three singing males from 22nd April to 20th May.

### [Arctic Skua \*Stercorarius parasiticus\*](#)

Revised total: 558 apparently occupied territories.

Additional record:

[Scotland, N&W](#)

**Caithness** One additional pair bred.

### [Lesser Spotted Woodpecker \*Dendrocopos minor\*](#)

Revised totals: 51-486 pairs.

Additional data received for the following county:

[England, SW](#)

**Hampshire** Total should be 70 pairs. Regular surveys in woodlands around the New Forest suggest that there may be 50 pairs there. Elsewhere there are just few sites where birds are recorded in consecutive years. In the absence of surveys it is hard to estimate how many pairs may use these - but perhaps 20 pairs.

### [Woodlark \*Lullula arborea\*](#)

Revised total: 850 territories.

Additional record:

[Wales](#)

**Gwent** One site: one singing male.

### [Savi's Warbler \*Locustella luscinioides\*](#)

Revised number of sites: eight.

Amended record:

[England, N](#)

**Yorkshire** Two sites: (1) one singing male from 26th to 31st May; (2) one singing male on 12th and 13th July only.

### [Black Redstart \*Phoenicurus ochruros\*](#)

Revised totals: 55 sites: 31-66 pairs.

Additional record:

[England, SE](#)

**Greater London** One extra site: one pair bred.

### [Blue-headed Wagtail \*Motacilla flava flava\*](#)

Revised totals: Four sites: one pair plus 2–3 mixed pairs.

Additional record:

[England, C](#)

**Shropshire** One site: one mixed pair bred. A male, believed to be paired to a Yellow Wagtail, held territory from late June to the end of July and was seen carrying food for young.

### [White Wagtail \*Motacilla alba alba\*](#)

Revised totals: Three sites: one pair plus two mixed pairs.

Additional record:

[Scotland, N&W](#)

**Orkney** One site: a female paired with a male *yarrellii* was seen feeding five young from late June into July.

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## [Appendix 1](#)

### [Red-necked Grebe \*Podiceps grisegena\*](#)

Note that the dates given refer to the period that the bird was present at the Yorkshire site in 2009; dates of occupancy in 2010 are not known.