

Rare breeding birds in the United Kingdom in 2013

The following updates to the published species accounts reflect additional data and corrections received after publication of the 2013 RBBP report in *British Birds* 108: 373-422 (July 2015). This update includes all known amendments up to **18th October 2017**.

Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope*

With addition of extra data from Outer Hebrides for 2011, 5-yr mean now 174 bp.

Garganey *Anas querquedula*

With addition of extra data from Outer Hebrides for 2011, 5-yr mean now 90 bp.

Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix*

With addition of extra data from Outer Hebrides for 2011, 5-yr mean now 840 bp.

Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

Revised totals: 392-971 pairs, 5-yr mean now 976 bp.

Amended county totals as follows:

England, SW

Hampshire Confirmed breeding pairs: 3; Total pairs: 10.

Scotland, N & W

Outer Hebrides Confirmed breeding pairs: 4; Total pairs: 14.

Capercaillie *Tetrao urogallus*

Revised totals: 191 males at 69 leks. A total of 122 leks was monitored across five recording areas.

Amended county totals as follows:

Scotland, Mid

Moray & Nairn Nine active leks: 15 males.

Scotland, N & W

Highland 52 active leks: 163 males.

Black-throated Diver *Gavia arctica*

Revised totals: 24-53 pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

Scotland, N & W

Outer Hebrides Eight pairs bred; also one probable and one possible breeding pairs.

Revised totals for rare birds breeding in 2013, using data received up to 18 Oct 2017.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Revised totals: at least 112 sites; 769-800 breeding pairs; 5-yr mean now 825 bp.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, SW](#)

Somerset Sites: 7; confirmed and probable breeding pairs: 40.

[England, SE](#)

Essex Sites: 8; confirmed and probable breeding pairs: 92.

[England, E](#)

Suffolk Sites: 8; confirmed and probable breeding pairs: 39.

Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus*

Revised totals: 8–9 breeding pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, E](#)

Lincolnshire One pair bred, but no young fledged.

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

Revised totals: 358–470 breeding pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, SW](#)

Hampshire Confirmed breeding pairs: 23; Total pairs: 46.

Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*

Revised totals: 465 sites: a minimum of 1,628 territories; 145 pairs confirmed breeding, 5-yr mean now 1,316 bp.

Amended county totals as follows:

[Scotland, N & W](#)

Outer Hebrides Sites: 2; Territories: 2.

Stone-curlew *Burhinus oediconemus*

Revised totals: 321 breeding pairs.

5-yr mean now 381 bp.

Note that the published graph (fig. 4) shows an exaggerated decline in 2013 because of the error in the previously published totals for 2012.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, SW](#)

Hampshire Confirmed breeding pairs: 11. [Note: a further 12 other pairs were recorded in Hampshire, but these did not breed; numbers of other such non-breeding pairs in other counties were not available.]

[Revised totals for rare birds breeding in 2013, using data received up to 18 Oct 2017.](#)

Avocet Recurvirostra avosetta

Revised totals: at least 116 sites; 1,730 breeding pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, N](#)

Yorkshire Minimum no. sites: 13; Minimum no. confirmed breeding pairs: 120.

Long-eared Owl Asio otis

Revised totals: 109–198 breeding pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[Scotland, S](#)

Lothian Confirmed breeding pairs: 2; Total pairs: 4.

[Scotland, N & W](#)

Outer Hebrides Confirmed breeding pairs: 0; Total pairs: 3

Red-backed Shrike Lanius collurio

Revised totals: 2–5 breeding pairs.

[Scotland, Mid](#)

Perth & Kinross One site: one female in suitable breeding habitat on 11th June.

Firecrest Regulus ignicapilla

Note that limited surveys in parts of Hampshire indicate that the population in the New Forest may be as high as 700 territories, with a further 500 elsewhere in the county. These figures have not been included in the published county and UK totals.

Bearded Tit Panurus biarmicus

Revised totals: at least 72 sites; 627 breeding pairs.

5-yr mean now 576 bp [large increase over that published is mainly due to late receipt of some additional data for 2012].

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, SW](#)

Hampshire Minimum no. sites: 3; Total pairs: 14.

[England, SE](#)

Sussex Minimum no. sites: 3; Total pairs: 10.

Savi's Warbler Locustella luscinioides

Revised totals: Three sites: 0-3 pairs.

5-yr mean now 6 bp.

[England, E](#)

Revised totals for rare birds breeding in 2013, using data received up to 18 Oct 2017.

Norfolk One site: one singing male from 9th May to 9th August.

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Revised totals: 47 sites; 12–52 breeding pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

England, SE

Greater London 16 sites: two pairs bred, two probable breeding pairs, three possible breeding pairs and ten singing males.

Wales

Breconshire One site: one pair bred.

Gwent The record previously published for Gwent was in error; the site was in Breconshire (see above). The source data had included an incorrect grid reference which had placed the record in Gwent, but in fact the site was in Breconshire and thus continued the run of birds being present at this site to four years, with breeding recorded in three.

Dartford Warbler *Sylvia undata*

Revised totals: 627 territories.

Amended county totals as follows:

England, SW

Hampshire Total pairs: 49. Note however that the estimate for the uncounted New Forest population is 300 territories.
