

Rare breeding birds in the United Kingdom in 2014

The following updates to the published species accounts reflect additional data and corrections received after publication of the 2014 RBBP report in *British Birds* 109: 491-545 (September 2016). This update includes all known amendments up to 18th June 2018.

Capercaillie *Tetrao urogallus*

Revised totals: 207 males at 64 leks. A total of 121 leks was monitored across five recording areas. 5-yr mean now 207 lekking males.

Amended county totals as follows:

[Scotland, Mid](#)

Moray & Nairn Eight active leks: 16 males.

[Scotland, N & W](#)

Highland 47 active leks: 179 males.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Revised totals: at least 120 sites; 1,063-1,071 breeding pairs; 5-yr mean now 876 bp.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, SE](#)

Berkshire Sites: 2; confirmed and probable breeding pairs: 4.

Essex Sites: 8; confirmed and probable breeding pairs: 91.

Greater London Sites: 1; confirmed and probable breeding pairs: 1.

[England, E](#)

Suffolk Sites: 8; confirmed and probable breeding pairs: 65.

Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus*

Note that the comment that the successful pair in Yorkshire actually nested in farmland was incorrect as the nest was in a reedbed, although one adjacent to farmland, rather than moorland as previously.

Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*

Revised totals: 1,168 territories, 5-yr mean now 1,313 bp.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, N](#)

Yorkshire Min. no. territories: 87.

Common Crane *Grus grus*

Revised totals: 21–24 breeding pairs, 5-yr mean now 20 bp.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, E](#)

Norfolk Nine pairs bred and one possible breeding pair, with a further two non-breeding pairs in the county.

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

Revised totals: 580 breeding pairs, 5-yr mean now 610 bp.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, N](#)

Yorkshire Confirmed & probable breeding pairs: 85.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker *Dryobates minor*

Revised totals: 34–303 breeding pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, SW](#)

Hampshire Confirmed breeding pairs: only 1 (not 34); Total pairs: still 68.

[England, E](#)

Northamptonshire Confirmed breeding pairs: 0; Total pairs: 3.

Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*

Revised totals: 393–472 breeding pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[Scotland, N & W](#)

Argyll Colonsay & Oronsay Total pairs: 10.

Firecrest *Regulus ignicapilla*

Revised totals: 1,552 singing males.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, N](#)

Yorkshire Total pairs: 1.

A recently fledged juvenile provided evidence of the second confirmed breeding record for the county following the first in 2012.

Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus palustris*

Revised totals: 3–9 breeding pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

England, SE

Essex One pair bred, fledging at least one young, one probable and two possible breeding pairs.

Cirl Bunting *Emberiza cirlus*

Revised totals: 150 pairs.

England, SW

Somerset One singing male on 27th May.