

Rare breeding birds in the United Kingdom in 2005

The following updates to the published species accounts reflect additional data and corrections received after publication of the 2005 RBBP report in *British Birds* 101:276-316 (June 2008). This update includes all known amendments up to 17th February 2011.

Gadwall *Anas strepera*

Revised total: 1,527 pairs.

Additional data received for the following counties:

[Northern Ireland](#)

Co. Antrim Five pairs. **Co. Armagh/Tyrone** Four pairs. **Co. Down** Two pairs.

Common Pochard *Aythya ferina*

Revised totals: 309-567 pairs.

Additional data received for the following counties:

[Northern Ireland](#)

Co. Antrim Total should be 13 pairs. **Co. Armagh/Tyrone** 15 pairs.

Greater Scaup *Aythya marila*

Revised totals: Two sites: 0-2 pairs.

Additional site:

[Scotland, N & W](#)

Caithness One site: a male was present from March to late May, and at a nearby site five Scaup were seen on one date in mid July.

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

Revised totals: 251-424 pairs.

Revised totals for England and Scotland:

[England](#)

Reported from 22 counties: 118 pairs confirmed breeding plus 94 other pairs.

[Scotland](#)

Reported from six Scottish Raptor Study Group areas: 51 pairs confirmed breeding plus 31 other pairs.

[Merlin *Falco columbarius*](#)

Revised totals: 294–533 pairs, with a minimum of 870 young fledged.

Additional data received for the following region:

[England, N](#)

Total should be 198 territories occupied by pairs with a minimum of 303 young fledged.

[Hobby *Falco subbuteo*](#)

Revised totals: 265–872 pairs.

Additional data received for the following county:

[England, SW](#)

Devon Total pairs should be 25.

[Also, for clarification owing to a printing error, the figure for Lancashire & N Merseyside should read as follows:

Lancashire & N Merseyside Total pairs should be three with no confirmed breeding pairs.]

[Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*](#)

Revised totals: 509–768 pairs.

The total number of confirmed breeding pairs in Scotland, Mid should be 10 (not 11) and the max. total 14, not 16, reducing the national totals.

[Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*](#)

Additional comment, to complement the data from Scotland: In Highland, a male was also reported in August, close to the site which held a singing male in 2003, although the late date suggests that this may have been a passage bird.

[Common Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra*](#)

Correction: it is now understood that the juveniles reported from Orkney had not fledged locally, so there was therefore no record of confirmed breeding of Common Crossbill in Orkney in 2005.