

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 19th February 2020.

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 19 February 2020.

[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 totals: 588 apparently occupied territories.

Additional records:

[Scotland, N&W](#)

Caithness One additional pair bred, making a total of six pairs.

Highland Three sites: minimum 26 AOTs.

[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 lusciniodes*](#)

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.

[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.