

## Rare breeding birds in the United Kingdom in 2011

The following updates to the published species accounts reflect additional data and corrections received after publication of the 2011 RBBP report in *British Birds* 106:496-554 (September 2013). This update includes all known amendments up to **28th February 2020**.

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### Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus*

Revised totals: 21 sites: 18-25 pairs.

5-yr mean now 20 bp.

Additional records:

[Scotland, S](#)

**Ayrshire** One additional site: one possible breeding pair.

[Scotland, N & W](#)

**Outer Hebrides** One additional site: one pair bred, hatching four and fledging one young.

### Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope*

Revised totals: 129 sites: 74-233 pairs.

5-yr mean now 161 bp.

Additional records:

[Scotland, S](#)

**Ayrshire** Two sites: two possible breeding pairs.

[Scotland, N & W](#)

**Outer Hebrides** 13 sites: five pairs bred and 14 probable breeding pairs.

### Garganey *Anas querquedula*

Revised totals: 52 sites, 18-93 pairs.

Additional records:

[Scotland, N & W](#)

**Outer Hebrides** One site: one probable breeding pair.

### Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

Revised totals: 299-925 pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[Scotland, S](#)

**Ayrshire** Confirmed breeding pairs: 0; Total pairs: 1.

[Scotland, N & W](#)

**Outer Hebrides** Confirmed breeding pairs: 5; Total pairs: 15.

Revised totals for rare birds breeding in 2011, using data received up to 28 February 2020.

### Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix*

Revised totals: 10-2,011 pairs.

5-yr mean now 857 bp.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, SW](#)

**Avon** Total pairs or singing males: 14.

[Scotland, S](#)

**Ayrshire** Total pairs or singing males: 11.

[Scotland, N & W](#)

**Outer Hebrides** Total pairs or singing males: 3.

### Eurasian Bittern *Botaurus stellaris*

According to RSPB figures, there were actually a total of 63 breeding attempts in 2011 (not 61 as reported).

### Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Revised totals: at least 95 sites; 781-786 breeding pairs; 5-yr mean now 800 bp.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, SW](#)

**Somerset** Sites: 4; confirmed and probable breeding pairs: 31.

### Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

Revised totals: 361-493 pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, SW](#)

**Hampshire** Confirmed breeding pairs: 32; Total pairs: 32.

### Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*

Revised totals: 386 sites: a minimum of 1,207 territories; 160 pairs confirmed breeding.

Amended county totals as follows:

[Scotland, S](#)

**Ayrshire** Sites: 4; Territories: 4.

[Scotland, N & W](#)

**Outer Hebrides** Sites: 4; Territories: 5.

### Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

Revised totals: 742 pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, SW](#)

**Avon** Total confirmed and probable breeding pairs: 1.

### Mediterranean Gull *Larus melanocephalus*

Revised totals: 35 sites: 759–809 pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, SE](#)

**Essex** Two additional sites (total now six): (5) three pairs bred; (6) one pair bred.

### Long-eared Owl *Asio otis*

Revised totals: 240-328 pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[Scotland, S](#)

**Ayrshire** Confirmed breeding pairs: 3; Total pairs: 5.

### Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*

Revised totals: 128-298 pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[Scotland, S](#)

**Ayrshire** Confirmed breeding pairs: 1; Total pairs: 2.

[Scotland, N & W](#)

**Outer Hebrides** Confirmed breeding pairs: 11; Total pairs: 21.

### Savi's Warbler *Locustella luscinioides*

Revised totals: Six/seven sites: 0-10 pairs.

5-yr mean now 5 bp.

[England, SW](#)

**Hampshire** One site: one singing male on 15th April and presumed same on 24th April.

[England, SE](#)

**Kent** One site: three singing males from 25th May to 27th June.

[England, N](#)

**Yorkshire** One site: three singing males. One singing 9th to 12th May, then three 13th to 23rd May with two remaining into June and one to 13th July.

Amendments to species included in Appendix 1.

**Red-necked Grebe *Podiceps grisegena***

In addition to the male in Yorkshire, a single male was present at a site in Cambridgeshire from 24th March to 24th August.