

Rare breeding birds in the United Kingdom in 2015

The following updates to the published species accounts reflect additional data and corrections received after publication of the 2015 RBBP report in *British Birds* 110: 706-754 (December 2017). This update includes all known amendments up to 19th February 2020.

Garganey *Anas querquedula*

Revised totals: 76 sites, 18–106 pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

England, N

Yorkshire Sites: 11; Confirmed breeding pairs: 3; Total pairs: 13.

Common Scoter *Melanitta nigra*

Revised totals: 14 sites, 14–43 pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

Scotland, N & W

Highland Sites: 6; Confirmed breeding pairs: 10; Total pairs: 18.

Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula*

Revised totals: 50–54 pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

Scotland, N & W

Highland Confirmed breeding pairs: 45; Total pairs: 47.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Revised totals: 138 sites: 976–1,082 pairs, 5-yr mean now 934 bp; 15y trend now +3,123.

Amended county totals as follows:

England, SW

Dorset Sites: 5; Total pairs: 13.

England, SE

Essex Sites: 8; Total pairs: 99.

Kent Sites: 6; Total pairs: 100.

Oxfordshire Sites: 3; Total pairs: 6.

Honey-buzzard *Pernis apivorus*

Revised totals: 18–40 breeding pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, E](#)

Suffolk Confirmed breeding pairs: 0; Total pairs: 1.

Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*

Revised totals: 437 sites: 272–1,365 territories.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, C](#)

Staffordshire 7 sites; Total pairs: 44.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Revised totals: Four sites: four pairs.

Note that only one site (not two) was occupied in Kent.

[England, SE](#)

Kent One site (only) two pairs bred.

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

Revised totals: 591 breeding pairs, 5-yr mean now 588 bp.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, C](#)

Staffordshire Confirmed & probable breeding pairs: 20.

Long-eared Owl *Asio otus*

Revised totals: 239–315 breeding pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[Wales](#)

Denbigh & Flint Confirmed breeding pairs: 0; Total pairs: 1.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker *Dryobates minor*

Revised totals: 26–312 pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, SW](#)

Hampshire Total pairs: 68.

Hobby Falco subbuteo

Revised totals: 225–911 breeding pairs; 5-yr mean now 940 bp

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, E](#)

Northamptonshire Confirmed breeding pairs: 24; Total pairs: 36.

Peregrine Falcon Falco peregrinus

Revised totals: 736–1,002 breeding pairs.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, SW](#)

Hampshire Confirmed breeding pairs: 19; Total pairs: 19.

[England, E](#)

Suffolk Confirmed breeding pairs: 4; Total pairs: 6.

[Wales](#)

Denbigh & Flint Confirmed breeding pairs: 5; Total pairs: 7.

Firecrest Regulus ignicapilla

Revised totals: 1,550 singing males.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, N](#)

Yorkshire Total pairs: 2.

A confirmed breeding pair and a further singing male were recorded in Yorkshire in 2015.

Dartford Warbler Sylvia undata

Revised totals: 1,689 territories.

Amended county totals as follows:

[England, SE](#)

Berkshire Total pairs: 16.

Savi's Warbler Locustella luscinioides

Revised totals: Three sites: 0–3.

Additional record as follows:

[England, SE](#)

Kent One site: one singing male 3rd – 25th May.

Additional records of rare non-native species considered by RBBP in 2015.

Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina*

Not included in the published report were eight breeding pairs in Wiltshire. This makes a total of 29 breeding pairs in eight counties. The overall maximum number of pairs reported is now 48.