

## Records of species and subspecies recorded in Scotland on up to 20 occasions

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In 1996, the Scottish Bird Records Committee (SBRC) published a list of records of species recorded in Scotland on up to 5 occasions (Gordon & Clugston 1996), which has since been regularly updated (*Scottish Birds* 19: 259-261, 21: 1-5 and 22: 31-32). Subsequently, SBRC decided to expand this list to include all acceptable records of species recorded on up to 20 occasions, and, more recently, to incorporate subspecies with a similar number of records. A total of 158 species and 19 subspecies are covered in this list. The ground work for this compilation had already been undertaken by Naylor (1996), and this has been reviewed and updated to include all records up to the end of 2000.

The criteria for including records on this list (see below) have been defined on the basis three date ranges. The first has an arbitrary cut-off of 1st January 1901, whereas the second cut-off of 1st January 1958 coincides with the establishment of the British Birds Rarities Committee (BBRC), and the first systematic attempt to assess records nationally.

### (1) Records up to and including 1900

An attempt has been made to research as many pre-1900 records of species on this list as possible and to trace each record back to its original reference sources before it was reviewed. The primary sources of historical information were Gray (1871), the Harvie-Brown avifauna series, Saunders (1899) and Harting (1901), along with numerous articles in the *Proceeding of the Royal Physical Society of Edinburgh, Zoologist, The Scottish Naturalist* and the *Annals of Scottish Natural History*.

The aim of this review has been to establish a degree of consistency between records rather than to assess their absolute acceptability using modern standards. In summary, a combination of two or more of the following criteria has resulted in a record being square-bracketed:

- (1) there has been long-standing doubt expressed by past authors
- (2) the identification or circumstances are under significant doubt due to a lack of detail or inconsistencies in the historical record
- (3) the record/specimen lacks the contemporary support of having been seen by a "reputable" observer or displayed at a museum or meeting of a scientific society
- (4) the record refers to a sighting

Whether the record was accepted in the contemporary literature and subsequently by Baxter & Rintoul (1928), Witherby *et al* (1938-41), Baxter & Rintoul (1953), BOU (1971) or Thom (1986) is a major consideration. In many cases, insufficiently well documented records were filtered out by the authorities of the day, but it is unfortunate that the criteria used, by for example Baxter & Rintoul (1953), were never detailed. In general, records in their 'less well substantiated' category are omitted.

The records listed in square brackets after the accepted records should, in most cases, be considered as 'possibles' and 'probables' rather than being totally unacceptable; nonetheless, they do not form part of the list and are not included in the totals. More comprehensive information on square-bracketed (and accepted) records can be found in a fuller version of this text available as an Adobe Acrobat 'pdf' file available on the SOC web site (under SBRC).

### (2) Records between 1901 and 1957 (inclusive)

The main reference for this period is Baxter & Rintoul (1953), who analysed all records published before 1st January 1951, with significant records published in 1951 included in an appendix. Records published between 1953 to 1959 are covered by SBRC's "review of ornithological changes in Scotland" papers compiled by E.V. Baxter and, later, J.W. Campbell (*Scottish Naturalist* 1955: 98-105, 1956: 1-9, 1957: 37-44, 1957: 170-177; *Scottish Birds* 1: 30-33, 117-120, 253-258). Listed 1950s records not covered by these reports, for whatever reason, are marked † and referenced. It may be that certain records from between 1950 and 1957 are being reviewed by BBRC, but the outcome of this assessment is still awaited.

### (3) Records between 1958 and 2000 (inclusive)

For UK rarities, the details of all records for this period agree with that published in BBRC reports, except where additional information has been extracted from authoritative write-ups (these are highlighted). Rejected records for this period are listed in the relevant BBRC papers, and are not repeated here. For species not covered by BBRC, details of 1984 and later records concur with the decisions made by the SBRC, and published in the *Scottish Bird Report*.

### Area covered, and regional breakdown used

Most records in this review relate to birds that occurred on the Scottish mainland or islands. A few were seen in Scottish waters, as defined by agreed median lines with Norway, the Faroe Islands and the Republic of Ireland and the 200 nautical mile (370 km) EU Fishery Limit (Fig. 1). For the purpose of this study, 'onshore' Scotland has been subdivided into the current Local Recording Areas (Fig. 1), which are here taken to extend to the '3 nautical mile limit' (1). Political subdivisions have undergone several major (and many minor) changes over the last century, and in some cases the old county in use at the time the records were published are also included. Offshore records are placed in the relevant UK Meteorological Office Shipping Forecast Area (sea area) (Fig. 1), and additionally located either by geographic co-ordinates or a distance from a headland or town.

The figures given for each species/subspecies are the total number of individuals recorded in (1) Scotland (as listed in this report), and (2) Britain and Ireland (as given on the BBRC website [to 1999] or in *British Birds* 94: 452-504 [to 2000, but which also includes birds 'At Sea']). Where the number of Scottish 'records' or 'occurrences' differs from the number of 'individuals' recorded, this is indicated by a \*. Note that the British and Irish total will not take into account alterations to the Scottish list instigated by this report.

### Systematic List

#### Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* (8, 40)

**1975 Dumfries & Galloway** Carlingwark Loch, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire, 1st to 8th October (L A Urquhart, A D Watson *et al*) (*British Birds* 70: 446; *Scottish Birds* 9: 297-298)

**1977 Northeast Scotland** Loch of Strathbeg, 9th January to 27th March (J Dunbar *et al*) (*British Birds* 71: 488)

**1983 Outer Hebrides** Askernish and Loch na Liana Mòire, South Uist, 8th June to 22nd August 1985 (T Davis, A C B Henderson, K W Smith *et al*) (*British Birds* 77: 508)

**1987 Dumfries & Galloway** Lochmaben, 24th to 25th April (Dr N Armstrong, D & Mrs S Skilling, R T Smith *et al*) (*British Birds* 81: 539)

**1998 Upper Forth** Airthrey Loch, Stirling, 3rd to 7th June (K Ranson) (*British Birds* 92: 557)

**1998 Argyll** Loch Peallach, Mishnish Lochs, near Tobermory, Mull, 8th and 15th June (N & Mrs P McKee, M Cocker *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 557)

**1999 Outer Hebrides** Loch Fada, Benbecula, 28th November to at least 11th December (A Stevenson *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 516)

**2000 Highland** Loch Osaig, Alchiltibuie, Wester Ross, 24th to 25th April (S E Edwards *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 455)

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

##### North American and North-east Siberian race *P. g. holboellii* (1, 1)

**1925 Highland** Aultbea, Wester Ross, shot, September (*Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club* 48: 53, 70; *Ibis* 1928: 321)

Thom (1986) erroneously gives the year as 1920.

#### Black-browed Albatross *Diomedea melanophris* (maybe only 1, 29)

**1967 Lothian** Bass Rock, 18th May to 28th September (M J Everett, Prof. W H Thorpe, G Waterston *et al*); same, 13th April to about 20th July 1968 (F Marr *et al*) and again 10th April to 3rd May 1969 (F Marr) (*British Birds* 61: 22-27; *Scottish Birds* 5: 20-23)

Other sightings, probably relating to this bird, are:

**1968 Sea area Forth** 16-23 km north-east of Eyemouth, Berwickshire, 7th or 8th February (*British Birds* 62: 460)  
**1969 Sea area Forth** 10 km off St Abbs Head, Berwickshire, 28th February (D McLeod) (*British Birds* 63: 269)  
**1969 Fife** Elie Ness, 23th August (Dr I T & Mrs M M Draper) (*British Birds* 63: 269)  
**1969 Orkney** Hoy, 13th August (K & M Janich, N van Swelm) (*British Birds* 63: 269; *Scottish Birds* 6: 26-27)  
**1972 Shetland** what was probably the same bird, Hermaness, 21st July to 4th August (M Anderson, L R Cole) (*British Birds* 67: 342) and again in the summers of 1974-1995 (but not 1988 or 1989). Earliest and latest dates there are 14 February and 20 September.

Other sightings, the majority of which are probably attributable to this bird, are:

**1972 Fife** Fife Ness, adult, 8th August (4 days after last Hermaness sighting) (P A Lassey) (*British Birds* 66: 333; *Scottish Birds* 7: 308)  
**1975 Orkney** Scapa Flow, adult, 21st August (2 days before last Hermaness sighting) (G G Bunting) (*British Birds* 69: 327)  
**1976 Sea area Fair Isle** South of Lerwick, 27th July (G van Oordt) (*British Birds* 70: 412)  
**1978 Shetland** Yell Sound, 21st and 26th July (Leicester Polytechnic Expedition per J D Okill) (*British Birds* 72: 508)  
**1984 Sea area Irish Sea** North Channel, about 10 km west of Corsewall Point, 7th August (D Allen) (*British Birds* 83: 442) (reported at Hermaness from 27 February, but no last date given)  
**1990 Sea area Viking** About 185 km east of Sumburgh, 60° 00' N 02° 00' E, 30th January (A Campbell) (*British Birds* 87: 508)  
**1990 Sea area Cromarty** 12.6 km north of Portnockie, 57° 49' N 02° 50' W, 5th September (M F Leopold, P Wolf) (*British Birds* 86: 452)

[1980 **Outside UK waters** Near Rockall, 56°21'N 14°12'W, 16th March (the day after first Shetland sighting that season) (A Britain, R J Burness) (*British Birds* 74: 455)]

#### **Albatross sp. *Diomedea* sp. (2, 38)**

**1949 Fair Isle** immature, 14th May (*Scottish Naturalist* 1950: 23-24)  
**1995 Orkney** Off Hoy, 4th September (S Tonge) (*British Birds* 89: 485)

[1894 **Sea area Fair Isle** Unidentified albatross sp. 20 miles NW of Orkney, immature, 18th July]

J.A. Harvie-Brown (Annals of Scottish Natural History, 1895, p. 57) quotes from his own journals " July 18th. [1894] – At 6.45 p.m., from 200 to 300 yards from the weather bow, and thence to a distance of three miles at least, I watched a big bird. Gannets in several phases of plumage had been seen frequently. This bird was no gannet. The flight petrel- or molly-like, not flying straight like a gannet; head low, and heavy bill, seen to be thick and short – a bird in what I would judge to be its second year's plumage. The captain, who stood beside me at the time, said he had seen one to-day (or the same) close to the ship, and that it was no gannet." I can say no more, but morally I felt certain it was an Albatross. It was far larger than a gannet, some of which we saw immediately afterwards. We were in a position N. by W.-½ -W. and twenty miles from Orkney on our course." Witherby *et al* (1938-41) put this record in square brackets, saying "A bird supposed to have been an Albatross ..."

#### **1949 Fair Isle**

Scottish Naturalist vol. 62 (1950), pages 23-24: " ? **Black-browed Albatross *Diomedea melanophris***

*Occurrence* - What is believed to be a black-browed albatross was seen on 14th May 1949 by GW, JHO and WPV circling about in the vicinity of the Sheep Craig. Later in the morning it was seen again, actually over the land at the south of the isle, by the same party and JAS. Two islanders, JW and AS, reported having seen it off the NW cliffs in the afternoon, and GTA saw it in the evening off Malcolm's Head.

According to *The Handbook* (4: 83) this would appear to be the first albatross recorded for Scotland, and the first in Britain since an exhausted bird was picked up near Linton, Cambridgeshire, on 9th July 1897.

*Field-characters* - Attention was immediately attracted by the noticeably large size of the bird compared with the herring and great black-backed gulls which were mobbing it. When first seen it was soaring off the south face of the Sheep Craig and glided over towards the party in a slanting attitude, the wings held in the shape of a bow, with the wing-tips lower than the belly of the bird.

The breast and underparts were pure white, and the head was slightly greyish in colour. The upper parts of the wings and mantle were black. The rump and upper tail-coverts were white, and the lower part of the tail to the tip black. The undersides of the wings were white with a black margin all around, and black wing-tips. The fine, strong bill was very noticeable, but it was not bright yellow as depicted in *The Handbook* plate, but horn-coloured, a fact which, in combination with the greyish head, suggests immaturity. The legs appeared to be pinkish horn-colour.

The long slim wings were a striking feature, as was the soaring and circling flight on motionless wings. It was not heard to call. It was continually attended by gulls, and according to AS, who saw it in the afternoon, it was ruthlessly mobbed by the ravens nesting at West Locher. **GW**

It seems wisest to prefix this identification with a question mark. There is no doubt whatever that the bird was an albatross; but the smaller species of *Diomedea* known as 'mollymauks' are closely similar to one another, and there is no conclusive evidence in the observers' description that this bird was *D. melanophris*. In the North Atlantic area this species has been recorded most often, but the yellow-nosed albatross *D. chlororhynchos* is recorded from Quebec and Maine, and the grey-headed albatross *D. chrysostoma* from Norway. Any of these three might be fairly contained in the above description, and while the 'horn-coloured' bill (bright yellow in mature *melanophris*, mostly black with yellow stripe along the culmen and some yellow at base and tip in the others) may not seem dark enough, the 'slightly greyish' head fits *chlororhynchos* and *chrysostoma* as well as with immature *melanophris*; the darker border on both edges of the underside of the wings appears to exclude *cauta* and *bulleri*. **EDITORS"**

*Ibis* 1967: 141-167 by W. R. P. Bourne - alb sp. (an immature, so Grey-headed Albatross hard to ruled out) (date incorrect)

Baxter & Rintoul 1953, BOU 1971, Sharrock & Sharrock 1976, Thom 1986 – all quote as alb sp.

From Dymond, J.N. (1991) *The Birds of Fair Isle*, page 3 " **Black-browed Albatross** ... Although the observers identified it as a Black-browed Albatross, some authorities subsequently demoted the record to 'albatross p.'. In the writer's opinion, however, the original description leaves no doubt that the observers were correct and that the bird was probably a sub-adult individual."

#### **Soft-plumaged Petrel *Pterodroma* sp. (1, 38)**

**1996 Sea area Fair Isle** About 130 km WNW of Unst, 60° 56.56' N 03° 05.37' W, 25th June (R W White) (*British Birds* 90: 457; *Scottish Bird Report* 1996, 71-72)

Not specifically identified, but accepted by BBRC as a Madeira/Soft-plumaged/Cape Verde Petrel *Pterodroma madeira/mollis/feae*.

#### **Little Shearwater *Puffinus assimilis* (4, 102)**

**1974 Argyll** Off Frenchman's Rocks, Islay, 30th June (K Verrall) (*British Birds* 68: 310; *Scottish Birds* 9: 380-381)

**1985 Dumfries & Galloway** Corsewall Point, Wigtownshire, 14th September (R H Hogg, P McEwan, G Mitchell) (*British Birds* 79: 529; *Scottish Birds* 14: 125)

**1990 Outer Hebrides** Butt of Lewis, 29th July (K D Shaw) (*British Birds* 84: 452)

**1990 Lothian** Musselburgh, f, dead, 9th December (M Griffin, B A Hickman *et al*) (*British Birds* 84: 452), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1991.41)

#### **Wilson's Storm-petrel *Oceanites oceanicus* (4, 384)**

**1891 Argyll** Jura, caught alive, 1st October (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1892: 18)

**1988 Outer Hebrides** Little Minch, about 5 km SE of Renish Point, Harris, 30th August (D J Britton) (*British Birds* 83: 442)

**1993 Sea area Fair Isle** About 50 km NW of Ramna Stacks, 61° 04' N 01° 49' W, 8th August (P V Harvey *et al*) (*British Birds* 87: 509; *Shetland Bird Report* 1993: 114)

**1997 Sea area Fair Isle** About 210 km NE of Unst, 61° 37' N 02°45' W, 1st June (G Leaper, R W White) (*British Birds* 93: 516)

#### **1891 Argyll**

Henry Evans of Jura Forest (*Annals of Scottish Natural History*, 1892, p. 18) reports "A specimen of Wilson's Petrel was found alive by the keeper's children at Inner Jura, on the western side of the island, on the 1st of October last [1891]. The bird had become entangled in a net used to keep poultry out of a kitchen garden, and was brought to me in a perfectly fresh condition. Fortunately I was there at the time or it would have been lost. There is no doubt as to the species; the colour of the wings, the length of the tarsus (one and a half inches), and yellow patches on the webs of the feet, make the identity of the bird certain. The net in which the Petrel was captured is about fifty yards from the sea. Unfortunately the sex of the specimen was not noted, for I did not examine the bird carefully until after it had been skinned by the keeper. The weather was fine at the time of its capture, but there can be little doubt its appearance is to be associated with the heavy gale on the 26th of September." Harvie-Brown & Buckley (1892, p. 200) add that "it was stuffed by M'Leay, 65 Church Street, Inverness."

#### **White-faced Storm-petrel *Pelagodroma marina* (1, 1)**

**1897 Argyll** Colonsay, young female, caught alive, 1st January (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1897: 88), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1897.17)

#### **1897 Argyll**

William Eagle Clarke (*Annals of Scottish Natural History*, 1897, p. 88) says "A specimen of this stranger to European seas was captured alive on the margin of a stream on the west side of the island of Colonsay on the 1st of January of the present year [1897]. It was forwarded in the flesh to Edinburgh, where I had the pleasure of examining it and determining its identity. On dissection, the bird proved to be a female, and an inspection of its bones indicated that it was quite a young bird. Among other evidences of incomplete ossification, the carina exhibited several fenestrations.... The weather immediately preceding this bird's visit to the West Coast of Scotland was characterised by severe gales from the south-west, and these may, perhaps have been instrumental in driving it from its accustomed haunts...." It is now [2001] a mounted specimen at the National Museums of Scotland (registration no. NMSZ1897.17). It was purchased from W. Small & Son for £2.10.0.

#### **Swinhoe's Storm-petrel *Oceanodroma monorhis* (1, 4)**

**2000 Northeast Scotland** Cove, Aberdeen, f, trapped, 5th August (P A A Baxter, H I Scott *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 457; *Birding Scotland* 3: 179-186)

#### **Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens* (1, 2)**

**1953 Argyll** Loch a' Puill, Tiree, immature f, caught alive, later died, 10th July (*British Birds* 47: 58-59), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1953.16)

## 1953 Argyll

Taken by John Graham, presented to NMS by the Duke of Argyll.

## Frigatebird sp. *Fregata sp.* (1, 5)

**1960 Northeast Scotland** Off Forvie, Aberdeenshire, 20th August (Mrs R Maxwell, A J M Smith) (*British Birds* 55:565)

## Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* Continental European race *P. c. sinensis*, 'Continental Cormorant' (?15, -)

The following sight records have been published as "showing the characters of *sinensis*":

**1989 Highland** Loch Insh, April

**1986 Borders** St Abbs Head, adult, 1st April (A W Lauder) (*Borders Bird Report* 1986: 12)

**1991 Borders** Union Bridge, River Tweed, near Berwick, adult, 10th September (*Borders Bird Report* 1991: 14)

**1994 Moray & Nairn** Loch Spynie, adult, 4 April to 26 July (D M Pullan, R Smith *et al*) (*Moray & Nairn Bird Report* 1994: 89-90; *Scottish Bird Report* 1994: 11)

**1996 Caithness** Gills, juvenile, January (*Scottish Bird Report* 1996: 11)

**1996 Caithness** Thurso, adult, February (*Scottish Bird Report* 1996: 11)

**1996 Moray & Nairn** Loch Spynie, two adults, at least 5th to 12th April and 2nd June (R Proctor, P T Hirst, M J H Cook *et al*) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1996: 11); presumed one of same, Lossie estuary 28th April (R Proctor) and Gilston 8th May (R F Hewitt) (*Moray & Nairn Bird Report* 1996: 13)

**1997 Moray & Nairn** Lossie estuary, adult, 4th May (*Scottish Bird Report* 1997: 13)

**1997 Moray & Nairn** Loch Spynie, adult, 10th May (*Scottish Bird Report* 1997: 13)

**1998 Moray & Nairn** Lossie estuary, adult, March

**1998 Moray & Nairn** Loch Spynie, first-winter, December to July 1999; two other first-winters, January 1999

**1999 Moray & Nairn** Lossie estuary, adult, May

**1999 Moray & Nairn** Loch Spynie, adult, June

**1999 Moray & Nairn** Loch Spynie, two adults, December to January 2000

### [1954 Lothian]

Full breeding plumage, Aberlady, 4th April 1954 (*Edinburgh Bird Bulletin* 4: 47). However, SBRC (Scot Nat 69: 2) says 'a single individual in the field cannot be assigned with certainty to either race' and placed it in square brackets.

### [Pre-1959 Dumfries & Galloway]

Bannerman (1959, vol 8) says "it is said that birds answering the description of the southern cormorant have been seen in Scotland at the Mull of Galloway, and once on Mochrum Loch in Wigtownshire..."

## American Bittern *Botaurus lentiginosus* (7, 61)

**1844 Dumfries & Galloway** Dinwiddie Moors, near Jardine Hall, Dumfries-shire, killed, mid-October (Yarrell 1845, 2: 546-547)

**1854 Northeast Scotland** Balgownie Links, near Bridge of Don, Aberdeenshire, f, shot, November (Gray 1871, p. 280), specimen at University Museum, Aberdeen

**1862 Caithness** Latheronwheel, killed, autumn (*Proceedings of the Royal Physical Society* 3: 182-183)

**1873 Dumfries & Galloway** Drumlanrig Castle, Carronbridge, Dumfries-shire, shot, 25th March (*Zoologist* 1876: 4929)

**1875 Argyll** Islay, shot, late October (*Proceeding of the Natural History Society of Glasgow* 3: 43-44)

**1932 Outer Hebrides** Benbecula, adult m, shot, 27th December (*British Birds* 26: 313)

**1981 Clyde** Glen Moss, Kilmaccolm, Renfrewshire, 4th November to 9th January 1982 (D L Clugston, J Cumming *et al*) (*British Birds* 75: 485)

### 1844 Dumfries & Galloway

Yarrell (1845, 2nd edition, vol. 2, pp. 546-547) says "At the end of October 1844, Sir William Jardine sent me word that a specimen of the American Bittern had been killed on the moor near his residence in Dumfriesshire, during the preceding week, and was preserved in his collection. Mr. Gould was on a visit at Jardine Hall at the time. This is probably the first example shot in Scotland."

Gladstone (1910) gives the locality as "Dinwiddie Moors, near Jardine Hall" and the date as "the middle of October, 1844". He adds that "The specimen was in Sir William Jardine's collection, but I have been unable to trace its subsequent fate. It was certainly not included in the collection of British Birds sold to the Edinburgh Museum in 1876; and I could not trace it in Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's sale catalogue of Sir William's birds on the 17th June, 1866."

There is a note in *British Birds* (1910-11, vol. 4, p. 31) saying that "this record seems to have escaped the attention of the authors of our standard works". But this appears to be an error for the Ayrshire bird (below).

### [Pre-1848 Ayrshire]

It is reported in the *Ayr Observer* (22nd February 1848), by an unknown author, that one "has been brought to our office by Thomas Logan, gamekeeper to the Marquis of Ailsa. The bird, which is stuffed, and in fine preservation, was lately shot by the gamekeeper at Loch Martnaham... It has been, we understand, forwarded to Culzean Castle." This is reported by Gladstone (1910, p. 70-72) as "winter 1847-48" and Naylor (2000) as "early February 1848". In 1909, the bird was not in the Culzean Castle collection (Gladstone 1910).

It is uncertain who identified this bird, and since the specimen could not be relocated, it is probably best square bracketted. It was certainly not published in the literature of the time.

### [1853 Lothian]

On 30th January 1903, The Earl of Haddington addressed the Natural History Society of Scotland. In his talk on the "Birds of East Lothian", he said "the specimen before you was shot by Sir David Baird at Newbyth by Pepper Burn in 1853." This is the only reference to this occurrence that can be found.

### 1854 Northeast Scotland

Gray (1871, p. 280) says "It was shot by Colonel William Fraser in November, 1854, near the toll-bar at the Bridge of Don, on the property of his cousin, H.D. Forbes, Esq., of Balgownie. This gentleman, having often shot the species during his residence in America, at once identified it. The specimen, after being stuffed by Mr Mitchell, was presented to the King's College Museum ... afterwards removed to the Aberdeen University Museum, where it now remains. Previous to being skinned, the bird was examined by the late John Longmuir, Esq., whose excellent notes [follow]... the bird obtained here was a female..."

Gladhouse (1910) gives the locality as "Balgownie Links" and says "it is now in the University Museum, Aberdeen."

### [c.1861 Lothian]

Gray (1871, p. 281) quotes from the *Field* of 4th March 1871 "A remarkably fine specimen killed by John Kinkell, gamekeeper to Charles Cowan, Esq., of Logan House, about ten years ago, near the Compensation Pond in the Pentland Hills, Mid-Lothian, ... still forms one of the most interesting ornaments in Mr Cowan's hall, in a case of rare birds and animals killed on the estate." It is also mentioned in Yarrell & Saunders (1885, iv, p. 215). Gladstone (1910) says this specimen "is stated by Mr. William Evans to be a Common Bittern (Saunders 1899, p.734)", but this reference is incorrect. Harting (1875, 1901) states "In the collection of Mr Cowan of Logan House; but this is a Common Bittern."

### 1862 Caithness

A notice communicated at a meeting of the Royal Physical Society of Edinburgh on 27th April 1864 (*Proc. Royal Phys. Soc.* iii, 1862-66, pp. 182-183) says "Mr R.I. Shearer, Ulbster House, informs me that a specimen of this very rare bird was shot at Latheronwheel, Caithness by F.S. Bently-Innes of Thurmster, Esq., in the autumn of 1862. It is easily distinguished from the Common Bittern by its more freckled appearance ... the black dash or stripe on the neck is larger and more distinct ... and begins a little further back from the angle of the mouth."

Harvie-Brown & Buckley (1887, pp. 182-183) say it was "shot at Latheronwheel, and became the property of Major Stocks, late 1st Royal Dragoons, who was present when it was shot by Frederick Stocks Bentley Innes in 1863 [sic]. The bird rose out of a bunch of rushes, having been pointed by a pointer dog, and flew very heavily, as if exhausted. We saw this in Mr Small's shop in Edinburgh, in September 1885, in fine preservation. Mr Small had purchased it about 27 months previously at a sale at Dowell's Auction Rooms, and soon after sold it to the Earl of Haddington, in whose collection it is now. Full particulars of its capture are given on a label on the back of the case."

### 1873 Dumfries & Galloway

J.H. Gurney, jun., of Edinburgh (*Zoologist* 1876, p. 4929) says "A very good example of the American bittern was shot at a small inland loch in Dumfriesshire on the 25th of March, 1873, which I believe has not yet been noted in the 'Zoologist.' It was exhibited by Dr. J.A. Smith to the Royal Physical Society of Edinburgh on the 25th of February, 1874 [see below], and has since, I am happy to say, found a place in my collection. Mr Gray tells me that in the West of Scotland this species has occurred more frequently than our common bittern."

There is a gap in the *Proceedings of the Royal Physical Society* between volume 3 (1862-66) and volume 4 (November 1874-1878), and no reference to this meeting can be found.

Gladstone (1910) says "Drumlanrig, Dumfriesshire. 25th March 1873. Shot by a gamekeeper. Stuffed by William Hope, Edinburgh, Edinburgh. Now in the collection of Mr. J.H. Gurney of Keswick Hall, Norwich; where I saw it in 1908".

### 1875 Argyll

James Lumsden, jun. of Arden House, Alexandria (*The Field* 22nd January 1876; *Zoologist* 1876, p. 4801) says "A specimen of this bird [American Bittern] was shot on Islay in the last week of October [1875]: it is in splendid plumage. The sex was unfortunately not noted."

At a meeting of the Natural History Society of Glasgow on 25th January 1876 (*Proc. Nat. Hist. Soc. Glasgow*, iii, p. 43-44) Mr James Lumsden read a paper 'Note regarding the occurrence of the American Bittern, *Botaurus lentiginosus*, in Islay' "At the November meeting of the Society Mr Lumsden placed upon the table a Bittern, which had been killed in Islay in the previous month. At that time he could not confidently state to which species the bird belonged, not having had an opportunity before the meeting of comparing it with other specimens, or of consulting any work on the subject. Since then, however, he had carefully examined the bird, and he could now state that it is a specimen of American Bittern. Mr Harvie-Brown and Dr Dewar also identified the specimen. It was killed about the last week of October on the shore at Islay, and is the fifth or sixth specimen from Scotland."

Harvie-Brown & Buckley (1892, p. 119) says "We find a note in MS. in our interleaved copy of Gray (1871), written by Mr. James Lumsden, to the effect that a specimen of this bird was shot on the sea-shore of Islay in October 1875. Harvie-Brown saw this bird in MacCulloch's shop in Glasgow along with Mr. Lumsden. It was shot by a visitor to the island, stuffed by MacCulloch, but has been quite lost sight of since. It was killed about the last week in October."

### [1888 Moray & Nairn]

Harvie-Brown & Buckley (1896, p. 99-100) says "About December 1888 a male of this species was obtained about two [sic] miles from Pitgavenny, and Captain Dunbar-Brander identified it. A gamekeeper got it stuffed, and when he went away it was sold amongst his affects for 7s. 6d. (Captain Dunbar-Brander, *in litt.* December 1889). Later on, Captain Dunbar-Brader writes in reply to inquiries:- 'The American Bittern was shot at Lochnabo, by the under-keeper there. The head keeper at Innes (Dempster) got the bird stuffed. When he left, it was sold at his sale, and bought by the Westerton keeper. The latter went to Ross-shire, and took the bird with him, and I tried to get the bird afterwards, but failed.' "

There is doubt that this specimen was ever been seen by a 'reputable person', and is therefore best listed as a probable, only.

### Green Heron *Butorides virescens* (1, 3)

**1987 Lothian** Tynninghame, first-winter, freshly dead, probably killed by a fox, 25th October (D Campbell, P R Gordon *et al*) (*British Birds* 81: 542; *Lothian Bird Report* 1987: 80), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1988.18.1)

### Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* (3, 147)

**Pre-1877 Lothian** Dalmahoy, near Edinburgh, shot, no date (*Proceedings of the Royal Physical Society* 4: 216-217), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1897.21.2)

**1896 Orkney** North Ronalds, adult m, shot, 7th September (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1897: 158)

**1913 Outer Hebrides** Near Butt of Lewis, adult m, 5th to about 12th June (*Scottish Naturalist* 1913: 211)

[1852 **Clyde/Lothian** Glasgow Canal, shot, 9th October]

Under 'Miscellaneous Notices' dated 13th December 1852 (*The Naturalist*, 1853, iii, p. 61), W. Martin from Stockton-on-Tees, near Middlesbrough, reports "a specimen of this bird was shot on the 9th of October, 1852, on the Glasgow Canal by T. Jones, seaman, who brought it here; and it is now in the possession of Crawford Newby, Esq."

Gray (1871) makes no mention of this occurrence. Yarrell & Saunders (1885, iv, p.192) say "Glasgow Canal", Saunders (1899, p. 377) gives the locality as "Forth and Clyde Canal [Scotland]" and Harting (1901, p. 444) says "Glasgow Canal, near Stockton [Scotland]." Rintoul and Baxter (1935, p. 247) say "one was got on the Forth and Clyde Canal on 9th October 1852, but the exact locality was not stated" i.e. it was not known whether it was shot in the Clyde or Forth areas. It is blandly listed by Baxter & Rintoul (1953), without further detail.

Whether this bird was shot in Scotland or not is open to considerable doubt. The reference to Stockton is clearly an error, and whether the Forth and Clyde Canal was ever referred to as the Glasgow Canal is unclear. Although included by Gordon & Clugston (1996), it probably will be [has been] decided to omit this record from this list of accepted Scottish records.

### Pre-1877 Lothian

Robert Gray exhibited the bird at a meeting of the Royal Physical Society on 19th December 1877 (*Proceedings of the Royal Physical Society*, 1874-78, iv, pp. 216-217). He says "Shortly after the concluding meeting of last session had taken place [i.e. 18th April 1877], I happened to be in the shop of William Hope, birdstuffer, George Street [Edinburgh], when my attention was drawn to the bird now on the table. It had been sent in by the Duchess of Buccleuch with a special message from Her Grace that particular care was to be taken with the bird, as it was a Scotch killed specimen, and had been sent to the duke as a great rarity. As no specimen of the squacco heron had ever been found in any part of Scotland before, I at once made inquiry about the bird, and have since been informed that it was shot at Dalmahoy, in the Parish of Ratho, and given to the duke by the late Lord Morton. It is to be regretted that the exact date of its occurrence cannot now be ascertained, His Grace being unable to say in what year he received the specimen."

The Duke of Buccleuch presented the specimen to the Royal Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh in June 1879 (NMSZ 1879.21.2). It was originally a mount, but is now "relaxed".

### 1896 Orkney

Allan Briggs [of St Andrews] (*Annals of Scottish Natural History*, 1897, p. 158) reports "Sept. 7. [1896] – While Snipe shooting this afternoon in the Mill Loch [North Ronalds], along with Mr. Trull, we disturbed a bird from the edge of the loch, which, as it flew straight from me, I at first took to be a White Owl [Barn Owl]; Trull, who saw it sideways shouted out that it was an Egret. The bird settled in a patch of rushes across the loch. We followed it up, keeping slightly apart. It rose to me, a cross shot, but wild, and the bird dropped to shot apparently dead. Next instant it was up again, and flew to the far end of the loch, to all appearance not much the worse for the shot, alighting this time close to a dry-stone dyke. My brother-in-law remained in the loch hidden among the reeds, and I, after a very long roundabout stalk, came up to the back of the dyke. The bird rose within 20 yards, and I did not fail to secure him; he proved to be a Squacco Heron (*Ardea ralloides*), an old male in almost perfect plumage." Bannerman (1957) erroneously gives the date as 7th October 1896.

The fate of this specimen is unknown.

### Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* (3, 112)

**1979 Angus & Dundee** Loch of Kinnordy, 10th to 19th May (J Miles) (*British Birds* 73: 494)

**1986 Dumfries & Galloway** Black Parks Farm, Stranraer and Souleat Loch, 14th October to 20th November (W Currie, R W Forrester, G Sheppard *et al*); same, Milton Lake, near Crockerford, 6th to 14th December (per R H Hogg) (*British Birds* 80: 522; *Scottish Birds* 3: 246)

**1999 Shetland *M.V. Hendra***, between Mainland and Whalsay, taken into care, exhausted, 27th January (per Dr B Marshall, K Osborn *et al*); released in good health La Rocha, Portugal 18th February (*British Birds* 92: 519; *Shetland Bird Report* 1999: 93-94; *Birding Scotland* 2: 77)

### Great Egret *Ardea alba* (20, 150)

**1840 Lothian** Tynninghame, adult m, shot, 9th June (Macgillivray 1846, 2: 131-133)

**1887 Upper Forth** Brenachoil, Loch Katrine (then Perthshire), killed, May (*Scottish Naturalist* 1888: 348), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1887.5)

**1978 Orkney** North Ronalds, 28th to 29th April (J W A Cutt, A & J Swanney, Dr K F & Mrs H P Woodbridge *et al*) (*British Birds* 73: 495)

**1978 Northeast Scotland** Loch of Strathbeg, 23rd to 28th June (C G Hancock, A R Kitson, B J Stewart *et al*) (*British Birds* 72: 510)

**1980 Dumfries & Galloway** Caerlaverock, 8th to 11th April (Dr C D Ginger, A C Wilson *et al*) (*British Birds* 74: 458)

**1985 Shetland** Burrafirth, Unst, 6th to 7th June (D Gilbert, M Sinclair, I Spence *et al*) (*British Birds* 79: 531)

**1985 Caithness** Gills Bay, 18th to 19th June (Mrs P M Collett, Mr Sowards *et al*); probably same, **Shetland** North Nesting area, 25th to 26th June (D Coutts, I Sandison *et al*) (*British Birds* 79: 531)

**1986 Argyll** Gruinart Flats, Islay, 15th June (G Jackson, P Moore) (*British Birds* 81: 544); same, **Clyde** Camps

Reservoir, Crawford, Lanarkshire, 16th to 18th June (Sir R Erskine-Hill *et al*) (*British Birds* 80: 523)

**1988 Argyll** Ballachuan Loch, Seil', 29th April (D Dugan, D Garrett) (*British Birds* 82: 513) ('not Mull, as published in *British Birds* (T ap Reinhallt, pers. comm.))

**1989 Northeast Scotland** Loirston Loch, Aberdeen, 21st to 22nd April (M A Sullivan *et al*) (*British Birds* 83: 447)

**1990 Highland** Bunargaig, Loch Lochy, 30th May to 1st June (A Mee, D M Pullan *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 457)

**1990 Highland** Loch Droma, 3rd June (J McGhie, D Willis *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 457); probably same,

**Highland** Near Maryburgh, Cromarty Firth, 4th June (A S & J A Sweetland) (*British Birds* 84: 457)

**1992 Angus & Dundee** Loch of Kinnordy, 2nd June (S Taylor) (*British Birds* 87: 512); presumed same, **Northeast Scotland** Ythan Estuary, 10th to 15th June (S M & W G Johnston *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 457)

**1994 Shetland** Brow Marsh, Loch of Spiggie, 28th April (P Meredith, J M Turton) (*British Birds* 88: 500)

**1995 Borders/Northumburland** Near Horncliffe, 26th May (S Banks *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 488)

**1998 Argyll** Loch Gruinart, Islay, 18th May (C R McKay *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 519)

**1998 Fife** Eden Estuary, 16th June (L Hatton) (*British Birds* 92: 560)

**1999 Outer Hebrides** Near Balivanich and Loch Mor, Benbecula, 27th April to 17th May (H Macintosh, B Rabbitts, A Stevenson *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 519)

**2000 Argyll** Loch An Eilann, Tiree, 18th May (A J & A Leitch); presumed same, Loch Bhasapoll, Tiree, 18th June (F & J Dickson, A J Leitch) (*British Birds* 94: 458)

**2000 Northeast Scotland** Loch of Strathbeg, 7th June (P F Baker, P A A Baxter *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 459)

### 1840 Lothian

Prof. W. Macgillivray (*Manual of British Birds, part 2 Water Birds*, 1846, pp. 131-133) says "In the summer of 1840, I obtained a most beautiful adult male white Egret, which was shot by Mr Martin, gamekeeper to the Earl of Haddington, on Tynningham Sands, in on the 9th of June, and having been sent to Mr Macduff Carrae to be prepared, was minutely examined by me ... [It] is now, I understand, in the possession of the Earl of Haddington" at Tynninghame House. Macgillivray classified it a new species, Queen Victoria's Egret *Erodus Victoriae*, but this was withdrawn some ten years later.

### [1854 Northeast Scotland]

Reported from Strathbeg in 1854 (Mr. Horn, Proc. Glasgow Nat. Hist. Society, p. 246 [reference not seen by IJA]). Not mentioned by Gray (1871).

### 1887 Upper Forth

Col. H.W. Drummond Hay (*Scottish Naturalist*, 1888, p. 348) says "A specimen is stated to have been shot in Perthshire in the spring of last year, 1887, somewhere in the same vicinity as the Little Egret was obtained, in 1881, on Loch Katrine in the Forth district; but particulars have not been forthcoming." Saunders (1899, p. 371) says "one, killed at Loch Katrine, Scotland, in May 1881 [sic], and also having the dorsal-train fully developed, is in the Edinburgh Museum." Witherby *et al* (1938-41) say "May 1887."

The erroneous 1881 date was repeated in B&R (1953), Naylor (2000) gives locality as Brenachoil. Also says "Revision in Trans Norf Soc 1891: 186 by J H Gurney see Saunders 1899" [reference not seen by IJA]

Specimen from Brenachaille Lodge, Loch Katrine, purchased from Miss H. Macgregor, Callander for £2.15.0; Reg. no. 1887.5. This is almost certainly the specimen on display in the Bird Biology Gallery (case 63) (per R McGowan).

### Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* (21, -)

**1872 Lothian** Prestongrange, near Prestonpans, immature f, shot, 21st October (Saunders 1899, p. 369)

**1872 Northeast Scotland** Near Donmouth, Aberdeenshire, immature m, shot, about 28th September (*Scottish Naturalist* 2: 10), specimen at Aberdeen University Museum

**1907 Caithness** Thrumster, immature m, shot, 16th September (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1908: 199)

**1917 Borders** Near Duns, Berwickshire, 8th April (*Scottish Naturalist* 1917: 214, 1918: 150)

**1965 Fair Isle** sub-adult, 17th to 22nd June (R H Dennis, J Wilson, E J Wiseman *et al*) (*British Birds* 59: 284; *Scottish Birds* 4: 81)

**1969 Fair Isle** adult, 2nd to 31st May, trapped 16th (G Barnes, R H Dennis *et al*); ringed as nestling 17th June 1967 at Noorden, Zuid Holland, The Netherlands (*British Birds* 63: 270; *Scottish Birds* 6: 27-28)

**1970 Fair Isle** immature, 4th to 11th June (R H Dennis, Dr B Marshall *et al*) (*British Birds* 64: 342)

**1973 Dumfries & Galloway** Haetae Loch, Dumfriesshire, 27th May (A Goodwin, R T Smith) (*British Birds* 67: 314)

**1977 Shetland** Sinna Water, Northmaven, 13th to 15th May (L Dalziel, P K Kinnear *et al*) (*British Birds* 71: 490)

**1980 Orkney** North Ronalds, immature, 1st to 8th September (J A W Cutt, Dr K F Woodbridge) (*British Birds* 75: 489)

**1980 Outer Hebrides** Schoolhouse Loch, South Uist, immature, 25th May (A Adams, J T Belsey, D S Farrow *et al*) (*British Birds* 74: 459)

**1981 Shetland** Weisdale, immature, 4th October; presumed same, Kergord, dead, 17th October' (I & Mrs I Sandison *et al*) (*British Birds* 76: 462) ('not November as stated by BBRC (K Osborn, pers. comm.))

**1982 Lothian** Aberlady Bay, immature, 6th April (P R Gordon) (*British Birds* 76: 482)

**1982 Orkney** Widewall Bay, South Ronaldsay, adult, 2nd to 5th August (C J Booth, Mrs R McCutcheon *et al*) (*British Birds* 76: 482)

**1992 Northeast Scotland** Corby Loch, 10th May (Dr W R P & Mrs D S J Bourne) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1992: 10)

**1992 Outer Hebrides** St Kilda, 17th to 20th May, died (T J Dix) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1992: 10), specimen at Glasgow Museum

**1995 Clyde** Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, juvenile, 4th to 8th August (J J Sweeney, RSPB) (*Clyde Bird Report* 1995: 20; *Scottish Bird Report* 1995: 12)

**1996 Northeast Scotland** Loch of Strathbeg, adult, 10th to 13th June (Miss M Cowie, Miss K L Hamper *et al*) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1996: 12)

**1997 Outer Hebrides** Loch na Mhoil, South Uist, 14th and 29th May (I Todd, Dr A Burrige, R Reekers) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1997: 14)

**1998 Lothian** Barns Ness, juvenile, 2nd October (M A Wilkinson, L Higgins) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1998: 16)

**1999 Borders** Megget Reservoir, immature, 28th June (T D Smith) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1999: 18; *Borders Bird Report* 19: 91)

#### [Pre-1840 Caithness]

The occurrence of Purple Heron in Caithness is first mentioned by the Rev. Charles Thomson (*The New Statistical Account of Scotland*, xv, "Wick", 1841, pp. 129-130) as "rare" on the basis of a list produced by Eric Sinclair of Wick. Purple Heron is listed as "rare" in Shearer & Osborne (1862), which is based on the records of E.S. Sinclair prior to 1840. Gray (1871, p. 276) says one "killed in Caithness, is mentioned by the late Mr Wilson as being in the collection of Mr E.S. Sinclair, surgeon, Wick." I.e. J Wilson (1842) *A Voyage Round the Coasts of Scotland and the Isles*, vol. 2, p. 179). Saunders (1899) reports "said to have been recorded in Caithness ... more than 40 years ago." This record is not mentioned in Witherby *et al* (1938-41).

[1847 Northeast Scotland Near Turiff, Monquhitter Parish, shot, early March, 18 June or in autumn]

Rev. James Smith, of Monquhitter by Turiff [NJ7848], wrote to *Zoologist* on 15th June 1849 (*Zoologist*, 1849, vii, pp. 2497-2498) saying

"I have ascertained beyond a doubt that a specimen of the purple heron occurred in the parish in which I reside, about the beginning of March, 1847. It came from the south-east, and alighted in a marshy piece of ground near to a farm-house, where it was shot. It was a large and very handsome bird, and measured five feet across from tip to tip of the expanded wings. As the individual by whom it was killed was much struck with the beauty of its plumage, and as he had never seen a heron of similar description before, he resolved on making a present of it to me. Previously, however, to doing so, he sent it to a neighbouring village to be stuffed: while there it excited general attention and great admiration, people coming, even from a distance, to obtain a sight of it, and all of them declaring that it was the first of the kind which had come under their notice... The person to whom it was sent had occasion to leave his home for some considerable time, before the process of stuffing had been properly completed, and on his return he found, to his mortification, that it had been all but gnawed to pieces by rats. Its remains are now in my possession. The play, in varying lights, of purple, red and green, along its plumage, or, as it was termed, its *glancing* colour, gave rise to much admiration among those who saw it while fresh and uninjured..."

Mr Smith compared it with a specimen loaned from Macgillivray (see Macgillivray, 1852, *A History British Birds*, iv, p. 457). Saunders (1899, p. 369) remarks "said to have been recorded in ... Aberdeen more than 40 years ago." Not mentioned by Witherby *et al* (1938-41).

H O Forbes (Aberdeen) (Scottish Naturalist 2: 10) says "recorded by Dr. Macgillivray, from Monquhitter, Aberdeenshire, on 18th June [sic], 1847".

Harvie-Brown & Buckley (1896, p. 98) say "One is supposed to have occurred about thirteen miles from Banff, and is thus recorded by Edward:- 'My late friend Rev. Mr. Smith saw fragments of the bird some time afterwards (i.e. after it had been shot), and believed it to be of this species.'"

Sim (1903) collected the following information, which he considers to be more reliable: "the bird was shot by Mr George Clark, farmer's son, Forvie. The bird was sent to James Forsyth, policeman, Pitsligo, for preservation. He allowed it to go to decay, and Mr Smith identified the bird from its feathers. The bird was killed in autumn."

From the published sources, there is some confusion as to where and when the bird was obtained – March, June or autumn, near Turiff or at Forvie. Only included by Phillips (1997) in post-1950 literature.

#### 1872 Lothian

Saunders (1899, p. 369) wrote that "Mr W. Evans has a young bird shot near Prestonpans, East Lothian in October 1872." Baxter and Rintoul (1935, p. 247) say "a young female was shot at Prestongrange, near Prestonpans, on 21st October 1872." Accepted by Witherby *et al* (1938-41). There seems to be nothing else written about this bird (JA).

#### 1872 Northeast Scotland

H O Forbes (Aberdeen) (Scottish Naturalist 2: 10) says "About the 28th of September last [1872] a specimen of this very rare bird was shot on the links at Aberdeen by an individual who was gull-shooting, and on its being brought to the Natural History Museum of the University, I had the opportunity of examining it. It is a young male, and is a very fine specimen. This is the second recorded occurrence in Scotland as far as known to me, the only other instance is recorded by Dr. Macgillivray, from Monquhitter, Aberdeenshire, on 18th June, 1847." The Editor noted: "Another young Purple Heron (in first year's plumage) was recently shot in Haddingtonshire."

Drummond Hay (*Scottish Naturalist* 1886, p.367) says "On 28th Sep., 1872, a young male, now in Aberdeen University Museum, was shot on the Aberdeen Links (*vide* H.O. Forbes). Sim (1903, pp. 138) reports "one was shot near Don-mouth, October 29th [sic], 1872, and is now in Aberdeen University Museum." Witherby *et al* (1938-41) say "one *stated* obtained Aberdeen c.1872 is in Aberdeen University Museum."

Andy Thorpe located this specimen in the Aberdeen University Museum (Feb 2002).

#### [1888 Moray & Nairn]

Harvie-Brown & Buckley (1896, p. 98) say "One was shot near Lochnabo in 1888 (*Fauna of Moray*, edition 1889, p. 56)." – has there been some confusion with American Bittern here? (JA)

#### [1895 Northeast Scotland]

A. Nicol Simpson wrote in his "Contribution to Ornithology of Kincardineshire" in 1900 (*Annals of Scot. Nat. Hist.*, 1900, p. 198) that "One is said to be in Drumtochty Castle collection. This was shot in January 1895 (*M. [=Mr. John Milne, Auchinblae]*). Although I have seen this collection, my memory does not confirm the identification of this special bird."

#### Black Stork *Ciconia nigra* (15\*, 142)

**1946 Lothian** Near Longniddry, 29th May; same, Port Seton, 2nd June (*British Birds* 39: 344-345)

**1972 Orkney** Sandwick, 7th to 12th June (Mr & Mrs Wylie and Mrs Wylie Jnr) (*British Birds* 66: 336)

**1974 Outer Hebrides** Vallay Strand, North Uist, 26th to 30th August (J B O Rossetti *et al*) (*British Birds* 69: 362; *Scottish Birds* 11: 82-83)

**1977 Shetland** Loch of Hillwell, 3rd to 6th May (P K Kinnear *et al*); presumed same, **Highland** Brora Loch, Sutherland, 18th May (P G Ottaway) (*British Birds* 71: 490)

**1977 Moray & Nairn** Dulsie Bridge, Nairn, 17th July (N J O Graham); same, **Highland** Tomatin, Inverness-shire, 18th to 22nd July (R H Dennis, Miss L Holt *et al*) (*British Birds* 73: 496)

**1980 Perth & Kinross** Near Aberuthven, Perth, sub-adult, 3rd to 8th August (A Brown, K D Shaw *et al*) (*British Birds* 74: 459)

**1983 Borders/Clyde** Biggar Water Valley, 1st to 2nd June (Mr Macgillivray, J M A Osborne *et al*) (*British Birds* 77: 512); probably same, **Lothian** Dirleton, 18th June (J & Mrs J Levene) (*British Birds* 78: 535)

**1990 Orkney** Bea Loch, Sanday, adult, 23rd to 24th June (F Muir, R Thorne) (*British Birds* 84: 458)

**1990 Dumfries & Galloway** Caerlaverock, 24th to 25th June (J B Doherty, P Shimings) (*British Birds* 85: 512)

**1991 Highland** Sanna, Ardnamurchan, formerly Argyllshire, 18th May (M Madders, P Snow, J Elstead) (*British Birds* 85: 512)

**1991 Highland** Between Avoch and Munloch, 23rd July (C H Crooke, B Etheridge, D C Orr-Ewing) (*British Birds* 85: 512)

**1991 Outer Hebrides** Uig, Lewis, two, 25th to about 31st July, one of same, 4th August, dead, 5th (P Cunningham, R Macintyre, F Maciver *et al*), specimen at Stornoway Museum (*British Birds* 85: 512)

**1995 Orkney** Rackwick, Hoy, 27th June (M Gray *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 489)

**1998 Northeast Scotland** Ythan Estuary, first-summer, 3rd to 19th July (Mrs S Jackson, B Marshall, H I Scott *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 560; *Birding Scotland* 1: 175-177)

#### Lesser White-fronted Goose *Anser erythropus* (12\*, 136)

**1954 Dumfries & Galloway** Near Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire, immature, 20th February to 14th March; adult, 7th to 14th March; probably same, as two adults, 23rd January 1955, third adult, 3rd February 1955, 1+ stayed to 6th March (*British Birds* 48: 323-325); presumed one of same, 31st December 1955 to 12th February 1956 (*British Birds* 49: 227); presumed same, 17th January to 25th February 1958 (D G Andrew, A Baldrige, A D Watson *et al*) and 30th January to 4th February 1959 (H G Alexander, A D Watson *et al*) (*British Birds* 53: 161, 416)

**1960 Dumfries & Galloway** The Merse, Wigtonshire, 27th March (D Griffiths, Miss M McKinna, D Watson) (*British Birds* 54: 182; *Scottish Birds* 1: 271-272), may have been the same individual as above

**1960 Upper Forth** Cambus, Clackmannanshire, adult, shot, 20th January (per T Paterson) (*British Birds* 54: 182; *Scottish Birds* 1: 272)

**1974 Clyde** Carnwath, Lanarkshire, adult, 6th February (K C R & Mrs H S C Halliday) (*British Birds* 68: 314)

**1978 Dumfries & Galloway** Caerlaverock, two adults, 19th February (T Francis, J Selwyn) (*British Birds* 72: 512)

**1980 Argyll** Bridgend, Loch Indaal, Islay, 15th March (G W & R Follows) (*British Birds* 74: 459)

**1986 Argyll** Near Bridgend, Islay, adult, 11th to 15th March (Dr M A Ogilvie *et al*) (*British Birds* 81: 545)

**1989 Angus & Dundee** Menmuir, adult, at least 13th to 14th December (M Andrews *et al*) (*British Birds* 84: 459)

**1996 Dumfries & Galloway** Glencaple, adult, 2nd to 3rd January (D Patterson, P Williams *et al*) (*British Birds* 90: 461)

[2000 Dumfries & Galloway Mersehead, 11th to 27th January (S Bearhop, M A Maxwell, S C Votier *et al*), was from Swedish reintroduction scheme (*British Birds* 94: 459-460)]

#### [1894 Dumfries & Galloway]

Witherby *et al* (1938-41, vol. 3, p. 191) list "... some possibly on Solway, Jan., 1894, but the histories of these specimens are not above reproach", but Bannerman (1957, vol.6, pp. 216-217) says "... Of these the most likely to have been correctly identified was ... an example shot

from a party of 7-8 geese (probably another species) on the Nith estuary opposite Carsethorn on 14th January 1894. This example was sent to the well-known Dumfriesshire ornithologist Robert Service, and from his brief description of the skin (which was destroyed by a dog) Sir Hugh Gladstone was fairly convinced that it was a lesser white-fronted goose, though in his *Birds of Dumfriesshire* [p. 243] he enclosed the record in brackets as *non proven*."

[1956 Dumfries & Galloway]

Bannerman (1957) says "Near Castle Douglas 31 Dec 1956 [sic] ", but this may be an error for 1955.

### Snow Goose *Anser caerulescens*

#### Greenland and Baffin Island race *A. c. atlanticus*, 'Greater Snow Goose' (2+, -)

**1921 Dumfries & Galloway** Near Castle Douglas, immature, shot, 18th February, from flock of five Snow Geese ssp. which arrived in autumn 1920 and overwintered (Bannerman 1957, vol. 6, p. 252)

**1954 Lothian** Gladhouse Reservoir, adult, found dead, 4th January (*Edinburgh Bird Bulletin* 4: 33; *Scottish Naturalist* 66: 14, 68: 4)

Also the following sight records have been assigned to this race, but which may not have been assessed by a rarities committee:

**1960 Clyde** Libberton, Lanarkshire, 4th March (*Scottish Birds* 1: 272-274); presumed same **Lothian** Fala Moss, 15th October to 4th March 1961 and **Borders** Hule Moss 9th November (*Scottish Birds* 1: 425); presumed same, at various localities in **Clyde/Borders/Lothian** in winter of 1961/62 (*Scottish Birds* 2: 203)

**1985 Highland** Ardmore and Loch Eye, "regular" adult, 22nd February to 2nd April (S J Aspinall, R H Dennis, A D Fox, C G Headlam); presumed same, Nigg, 19th to 21st November (S J Aspinall) (*Scottish Birds* 14: 97)

**1985 Lothian** Aberlady, Dirleton and Fenton Barns, adult, 18th January to 2nd February (I R Hamilton, K C Hamilton, P R Gordon *et al*); same, over West Barns, 2nd February (A J Clunas); same, Lochhouses, 2nd and 3rd February (A Brown, G Anderson *et al*) (*Scottish Birds* 14: 97)

**1988 Lothian** Congalton and Aberlady, adult, 11th to 13th December (I J Andrews, M Griffin *et al*) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1988: 12)

### Brent Goose *Branta bernicla*

#### North American and East Siberian race *B. b. nigricans*, 'Black Brant' (1, 129)

**1989 Argyll** Loch Gruinart, Islay, adult, 30th November to at least 23rd February 1990<sup>1</sup> (R H Hogg, Dr M A Ogilvie *et al*) (*British Birds* 87: 513) [<sup>1</sup> *Argyll Bird Reports* 1989 & 1990 and *Scottish Bird Report 1994* give dates as 20th October 1989 to 17th May 1990]

### Red-breasted Goose *Branta ruficollis* (9, 61)

**1957 Highland** Beauly Firth, Inverness-shire, 20th January, probably since late September 1956 (*Scottish Naturalist* 1957: 118)

**1991 Dumfries & Galloway** Caerlaverock, first-winter, 2nd October to 1992, then Mersehead to 7th March 1992 (P N Collin *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 459); presumed same, Caerlaverock, as adult, 5th October to 7th November 1992; same, near Dumfries, 10th to 18th November 1992; same, Caulkerbush and Mersehead, 18th November to 31st December 1992; same, Southwick, 1st January 1993; same, Mersehead, 2nd and 4th January 1993; same, Caulkerbush, 8th to 10th January 1993; same, Caerlaverock, 10th to 11th February 1993, 25th September to 24th November 1993, 30th December 1993 to 21st February 1994, 28th March to 2nd April 1994

**1994 Highland** Insh Marshes, adult, 9th to 19th March (J Gordon *et al*); same, **Highland** Nethybridge, 22nd March to 4th April (per C H Crooke) (*British Birds* 89: 491)

**1994 Perth & Kinross** Vane Farm, adult, 28th September (J Burrow, D J Fairlamb, A W Lauder *et al*) (*British Birds* 90: 461)

**1994 Clyde** Endrick Mouth, Dumbartonshire, 5th December (D C Orr-Ewing) (*British Birds* 88: 501)

**1998 Perth & Kinross** Vane Farm and Gellybank, adult, 31st March to 15th April (G & W Brown, I Munroe *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 563)

**1998 Northeast Scotland** Loch of Strathbeg, adult, 1st to 18th April (D C Butcher, P & R A Schofield *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 563)

**1998 Perth & Kinross** Kercock, adult, 13th December (E D Cameron) (*British Birds* 92: 563)

**2000 Moray & Nairn** Near Kinloss, 21st to 31st October (R F Hewitt *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 460)

[1818 Northumberland]

One killed near Berwick-upon-Tweed in 1818 formed part of Mr Bullock's celebrated collection. Bannerman (1957) says "from the evidence of an old gunner given verbally to George Bolam the goose was probably shot on Fenham Flats, Northumberland."

[Pre-1840 Caithness]

Shearer & Osborne (1862) mention the Red-breasted Goose as 'very rare' in Caithness, based on pre-1840 records by Dr Sinclair.

[Pre-1852 Northeast Scotland]

Macgillivray (1852, iv, p. 636) says "The only instance of its appearance in Scotland known to me is related in a notice with which I have been favoured by the Rev. Mr. Smith of Monquhitter:- 'Many years ago, an individual of this rare and beautiful species, was seen, for several days, in the immediate vicinity of the Loch of Strathbeg. It was recognised by more than one individual well conversant with ornithology. There was, however, no opportunity obtained of securing it.' "

[1880 Shetland]

Evans & Buckley (1899, p. 129) and Venables & Venables (1955) list the following in square brackets: one shot about 1880 at Loch Spiggie by T. Henderson.

### Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea* (34\* [2 records], -)

**1892 Highland** Dumess, Sutherland, 29 (in three separate flocks of 14, 10 & 5), 20th June to first week of July, one (from flock of 5) injured, 20th June, kept in captivity, died, 13th July (*Zoologist* 3rd Series 16: 392-398)

**1892 Moray & Nairn** Mouth of the River Findhorn, flock of 5, 6th to end of July, f shot 6th.

Only the 1892 records are acceptable under Category B. Other records, of which there are many, are considered most likely to be escapes, although no review has been undertaken.

[1831 Orkney]

Baikie & Heddle (1841) say "A specimen of this rare duck was shot in Sanday, by Mr Strang, in October, 1831."

[Pre-1840 Caithness]

Shearer & Osborne (1862) mention the 'Ruddy or Casarka Sheldrake' as 'very rare' in Caithness, based on pre-1840 records by Dr Sinclair. Gray (1871, p. 362) says it "is still on the collection of the late Mr Sinclair of Wick."

[1868 Outer Hebrides]

*Scottish Naturalist* vol. 63 (1951), pages 196-197: Ruddy Sheld-duck *Casarka ferruginea*. Adult male, shot at Lochboisdale, South Uist, in June 1868. Part of a series of dubious duck records.

[1872 & 1887 Angus & Dundee]

Drummond Hay (*Scottish Naturalist* 1886, p. 369) says "On was trapped at Barry, Forfarshire, in a burrow, in 1872; and another was shot there in April, 1887, by Mr. A. McAndrew, and is now in the P.S.N.S. Museum in Perth. Mr. Marshall, of Arbroath, who had the bird in the flesh, and preserved it, has informed me that at least three or four have passed through his hands, got at the same place."

**1892 Highland**

Ogilvie (1892) says "June 20th [1892]. A flock of five, one shot, Dumess, Sutherlandshire. These Sheldrakes were reported as "not difficult to stalk." The specimen obtained was very slightly wounded, and an endeavour was made to keep the bird alive. For some ten days it seemed likely the experiment would prove successful, but the Sheldrake then began to pine, and died about July 13th. "In the course of the fortnight after 20th" *three* flocks were seen by the observer, who had obtained the above-mentioned Ruddy Sheldrake. the three flocks appeared to keep separate: one consisted of fourteen birds, one of ten, and one of four (*i.e.* the remainder of the first flock). At the beginning of July they disappeared from the neighbourhood. (Rev. W.C.M. Grant and T.E. Buckley *in litt.*)."

**1892 Moray & Nairn**

James Brown of Forres wrote (*Annals of Scottish Natural History*, 1892, p. 269-270) "A pack of six Ruddy Sheld Ducks appeared near the mouth of the river Findhorn early in July, and fed in the Buckie Loch. If disturbed they generally made out to the sea. one, a female, was shot on 6th July by a salmon-fisher there, and sent to me to be preserved."

Ogilvie (1892) says "July 6th [1892] A flock of five": one (female) shot. Mouth of the River Findhorn, Elginshire. The remainder of the flock appeared to have stayed in the neighbourhood till towards the close of July, but had all left by August 1st. ('Field,' Aug. 6, 1892, and James Brown *in litt.*)." The number of this flock is given in 'The Field' as "six or eight," but Mr. Brown writes "... also by careful inquiry I find five was the number of the flock of Ruddy Sheldrakes that appeared on the River Findhorn."

Only these two 1892 records are acceptable under Category B. Other records, of which there are many, are considered most likely to be escapes.

Witherby *et al* (1938-41) mentions 1892 records in Berwick, Sutherland and Moray. Also, Stirling, Midlothian, Fife, Perth, Angus, Inverness, Aberdeen, Moray, Caithness, Sule Skerry and Sanday (Orkney).

[1909 Caithness]

*Scottish Naturalist* vol. 63 (1951), pages 196-197 says " two females, both shot at Thrumster, Caithness, on 1st July 1909" These were discovered in the Carnegie Museum, Wick.

[1909-1966 Orkney]

1909 Sule Skerry, ad female, obtained, 18th June

1932 Sandsay, 4th May, in Stromness Museum

1966 Burray, pair, 4th May

[1923/24 Lothian]

Rintoul & Baxter (1935) say one "frequented Duddingston Loch during the winter of 1923-24, being seen from October until the end of March. It disappeared and was no more seen."

#### **American Black Duck *Anas rubripes* (6, 31)**

- 1979 Clyde** Stanley Dam, Paisley, Renfrewshire, adult m, 22nd to 28th December (D L Clugston *et al*) (*British Birds* 73: 499; *Scottish Birds* 11: 223)
- 1981 Highland** North Kessock, Ross/Inverness-shire, m, 11th October to 2nd March 1982; returned 7th to 12th August 1982 (*British Birds* 75: 491)
- 1985 Lothian** Tynninghame, f, 9th February to 23rd May, 20th July, 31st August; same, 8th February to 27th April 1986 (A Brown, A J Clunas, P R Gordon *et al*) (*British Birds* 79: 536; *Lothian Bird Report* 1985: 109)
- 1989 Clyde** Barr and Castle Semple Lochs, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, first-winter m, 26th November to 6th March 1990 (A A Murray, J J Sweeney *et al*) (*British Birds* 83: 450)
- 1990 Shetland** Loch of Spiggie, m, 4th February to 29th April (R L Howells, M Mellor *et al*) (*British Birds* 84: 461)
- 1997 Highland** Alturlie, Inverness-shire, f, 14th January (I Dillon), present 13th January to 1st April (*British Birds* 92: 564)

#### **Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* (13\*, 261 since 1958)**

- 1855 Lothian** Near Musselburgh, Midlothian, adult male, shot, shortly before 26th December (*Proceedings of the Royal Physical Society* 1: 52)
- 1929 Borders** River Tweed at Melrose, Roxburghshire, pair, 17th February, stayed for 2 or 3 days (*Scottish Naturalist* 1929: 86)
- 1931 Northeast Scotland** River Don, near Donmouth, m, 22nd November (*Scottish Naturalist* 1932: 58)
- 1973 Lothian** Duddingston Loch, Edinburgh, m, 25th February to 17th March (D R Anderson); presumed same, 2nd to 7th March 1974 (D J Bullock) and 27th October to 23rd November 1974 (D R Anderson, P Hodd) (*Scottish Birds* 8: 224, 411)
- 1976 Borders** Stobs Upper Loch, Roxburghshire, m, 13th to 20th November (D B McGinn) (*Scottish Birds* 10: 84)
- 1977 Northeast Scotland** Loch of Strathbeg, f, 12th to 23rd March (P M Ellis *et al*); presumed same 20th November and 18th December (J Dunbar) (*Scottish Birds* 10: 122)
- 1979 Highland** Kinloch, Rhum, Inverness-shire, immature m, found exhausted, 16th October (J A Love *et al*) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1979: 18)
- 1981 Orkney** Birsay, m, 24th May (G T & Mrs M Wylie) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1981: 20)
- 1982 Clyde** Possil Marsh, Glasgow, m, 21st December (G J Brock) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1982: 18)
- 1987 Ayrshire** North Craig Reservoir and Craufurdland, Kilmarnock, first-year m, 21st to 26th October (W A Davidson *et al*) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1987: 15)
- 1988 Lothian** Edgelaw Reservoir, Midlothian, adult m, 29th to 30th October (L L J Vick) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1988: 15)
- 1992 Lothian** Winchburgh Quarry, m, 25th January; same, Humbie Reservoir, West Lothian, 26th January to 1st February; same, Winchburgh Quarry, 17th to 18th February (G J Fitchett *et al*) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1992: 16)

#### **[Pre-1848 Orkney]**

Baikie & Heddle (1848, p. 80) say it "has been observed in Orkney, though very rarely. We have been unable to collect any particulars concerning its visits."

#### **[Pre-1852 Lothian]**

Prof. W. Macgillivray (*A History of British Birds*, 1852, v, p. 114) says "Sir William Jardine recollects having seen a fresh specimen in the Edinburgh market." Turnbull (1863, p. 15) also says "Sir William Jardine has seen it in Edinburgh market, among other wild ducks." Baxter and Rintoul (1953) failed to trace the second 'possible' Firth of Forth record referred to by Saunders (1899), and perpetuated by Witherby *et al* (1938-41), but it was speculated that it was possibly this bird.

#### **[1854 Orkney]**

Buckley & Harvie-Brown (1891, p. 176) says "one of the authors, the late Mr Robert Heddle, had a note of one killed in 1854 – a female."

#### **1855 Lothian**

Mr J.A. Smith exhibited a specimen at a meeting of the Royal Physical Society of Edinburgh on 26th December 1855 (*Proceedings of the Royal Physical Society*, 1854-58, i, p. 52). It was an adult male, "recently shot" near Musselburgh. This was the first Scottish record, according to Gray (1871).

[1857 Angus & Dundee/Fife On the Tay, two, shot, early in 1857]

Saunders (1899) wrote that it had been "two were killed on the Tay early in 1857 (William) Evans." This is the only information available – nonetheless it still gets a mention in Witherby *et al* (1938-41).

#### **[Pre-1880 Northeast Scotland]**

Occasional on Loch of Strathbeg (Mr Horn, Proc. Nat. Hist. Soc. Glasgow, 1880, p.255 [reference not seen by IJA]).

#### **[1898 Highland]**

*Scottish Naturalist* vol. 63 (1951), pages 196-197: "Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*. Adult male, shot at Kyleakin, Skye, in May 1898." Part of a series of dubious duck records.

#### **Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis* (13\*, 57)**

- 1990 Dumfries & Galloway** Milton Loch, m, 29th December (R Hesketh *et al*); same, Auchenreoch Loch, 31st to 25th January 1991 (I Murray *et al*) (*British Birds* 85: 516; *Birding World* 4: 29)
- 1993 Shetland** Loch of Spiggie, first-year m, 9th to 13th May (M Mellor *et al*) (*British Birds* 87: 516; *Shetland Bird Report* 1993: 115)
- 1996 Caithness** St John's Loch, m, 1st to 17th February, 25th to 10th March; presumed same, 28th December to 20th January 1997; same, Loch Watten, 18th to 19th February (E W E Maughan, N Money, J Smith *et al*) (*British Birds* 90: 464)
- 1997 Ayrshire** Martnaham Loch, m, 13th to 17th September (B Orr *et al*) (*British Birds* 91: 467; *Birding Scotland* 1: 167-170)
- 1998 Shetland** Loch of Spiggie, three, first-winter m, two first-winter ff, 1st November to 1st December, first-winter m and first-winter f to 2nd (P M Ellis, M Mellor, J D Okill *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 567; *Shetland Bird Report* 1998: 89-90)
- 1998 Argyll** Ardnave Loch, Islay, first-winter f, 6th November to 9th January 1999 (C Bradshaw, A J Leitch *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 566); presumed same, Loch Gruinart, Islay, 15th December (C R McKay, per P Daw) (*British Birds* 94: 465)
- 1998 Orkney** Loch of Tankerness, f, 7th December to 10th January 1999 (K E Hague *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 566)
- 1999 Caithness** St John's Loch, first-winter m, 11th and 25th January (J Corbett, J Smith) (*British Birds* 93: 523)
- 1999 Ayrshire** Munnoch Reservoir, m, 9th to 10th May (S C Votier *et al*); presumed same, Clyde Linwood Pool, 12th May (A Carroll *et al*); presumed same, Clyde Balgray Reservoir, 29th to 30th May (J J Sweeney *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 523-524)
- 1999 Perth & Kinross** Vane Farm, first-summer m, 10th and 12th May (P M Brooks, A W Lauder, K D Shaw *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 524)
- 2000 Orkney** Loch of Harray, f, 20th February to 30th March (I Dillon, K Fairclough, E R Meek) (*British Birds* 94: 465)

#### **Common Eider *Somateria mollissima***

##### **Northern race *S. m. borealis* (1, 1)**

- 1978 Lothian** Musselburgh, adult m, freshly dead, 9th February<sup>1</sup> (G F Miller, D S Raines), specimen at Kelvingrove Museum, Glasgow<sup>1</sup> (*British Birds* 75: 494) [<sup>1</sup>not 2nd September or National Museums of Scotland, Edinburgh as published in *British Birds* (Dr B. Zonfrillo, pers. comm.)]

A tide line corpse (presumably), thus Category D.

#### **Steller's Eider *Polysticta stelleri* (13\*, 15)**

- 1947 Orkney** Wide Firth, Gairsay, two, adult m and immature m, 5th, 12th and 19th January (*British Birds* 40: 253)
- 1949 Orkney** Sandside Bay, Deerness, Mainland, m, 13th November (*Scottish Naturalist* 1950: 57-58)
- 1959 Highland** Loch Fleet, Sutherland, f/immature m, 22nd September (P Glazier, D Jenkins *et al*) (*British Birds* 54: 177; *Scottish Birds* 1: 234)
- 1970 Northeast Scotland** Rattray Head, Aberdeenshire, m, 8th November (M R Williams) (*British Birds* 64: 347; *Scottish Birds* 6: 444)
- 1971 Fair Isle** f, 9th May to 13th June (R A Broad, G J Jobson, I S Robertson *et al*) (*British Birds* 65: 329)
- 1972 Outer Hebrides** Vorrán Island, South Uist, m, May to August; same, Dremisdale, 22nd November to 1973 (R Jones, Mrs M E Lacey, J M O'Sullivan *et al*) (*British Birds* 66: 338; *Scottish Birds* 7: 202-203); same, South Uist all 1973-74, summers of 1975-78, 27th to 28th February 1979, all 1980, January to 31st October 1981, all 1982-83 and 1984, until last seen on 12th August 1984
- 1974 Outer Hebrides** Vorrán Island, South Uist, two ff, 13th April (D Waring *et al*) (*British Birds* 68: 313)
- 1974 Orkney** Westray, immature m, 25th October to at least 14th November (R H Dennis, R Hastings) (*British Birds* 68: 313); same, between Westray and Papa Westray, as m, 14th July 1978; Papa Westray, 2nd to 19th

June 1979; North Wick, Papa Westray, 29th April to late August 1980; Papa Westray and Westray, 7th May to 24th June 1981; Papa Westray, 30th April to 1st July 1982

**1976 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, f, 16th to 17th April (R J D Broadhurst, A R Swanney) (*British Birds* 70: 417)

**1996 Shetland** Fetlar, m, wing only, 31st March (D Houghton, D Suddaby *et al*) (*British Birds* 90: 465)

**2000 Moray & Nairn** Hopeman, f, 16th to 18th November (D M Pullan *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 466; *Birding World* 13: 458-459; *Birding Scotland* 4: 36-38)

#### **Harlequin Duck *Histrionicus histrionicus* (9\*, 15)**

**1931 Outer Hebrides** Near Berneray, Sound of Harris, m, 13th February (*British Birds* 24: 370)

**1954 Borders** River Teviot at Barnhills, Denholm, Roxburghshire, immature m, shot, 16th January (*Scottish Naturalist* 1954: 15-16)

**1965 Fair Isle** m and f, 11th January to 2nd February (G Barnes, J A Stout, J Wilson); presumed same, **Caithness** Wick, m and f, 18th April to 1st May (G Gunn, Dr I D Pennie, R S Shand *et al*) (*British Birds* 59: 286; *Scottish Birds* 4: 83)

**1987 Shetland** Sullom Voe, first-winter m, 16th January to 25th February (J N Dymond, M Heubeck *et al*) (*British Birds* 81: 549)

**1987 Argyll** Claggain Bay, Islay, f, 20th to 31st October (M Porteous, members of Edinburgh YOC Group *et al*) (*British Birds* 81: 549)

**1991 Caithness** Wick, f, 6th February to 17th May (M Harvey, D C Orr-Ewing, J Porter *et al*) (*British Birds* 85: 519)

**1996 Ayrshire** Girvan, two first-summer ff, 13th to 27th April (C J Murphy *et al*) (*British Birds* 90: 466)

**1999 Fair Isle** m, age uncertain, 15th October (C A Holt *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 525)

#### **[Pre-?1806 Scotland]**

Both Gray (1871) and Yarrell & Saunders (1885, iv, p. 453) report that Lord Seaforth is said to have procured two birds, an adult male and a female, in Scotland. Coloured figures of these two specimens afterwards appeared in James Sowerby's (1806) *British Miscellany* (pl. 6 p.11). Yarrell & Saunders (1885, iv, p. 453) say that these bird were subsequently described in Montagu's *Ornithological Dictionary* in 1813, whereas Gray (1871) gives the date as 1802, saying that he describes a pair that had been shot a few years previous.

#### **[Pre-1841 Caithness]**

Shearer & Osborne (1862) mention the 'Harlequin Garrot' as 'rare' in Caithness, based on pre-1840 records by Dr Sinclair. Gray (1871, p. 394) says the specimen is still in that gentleman's private museum.

#### **[Pre-1845 Orkney]**

Yarrell (1845, vol. 3, p. 364) says "Mr Sowerby afterwards received a young female of the same species from Mr. Simmons, who shot it on one of the Orkneys." Baikie & Heddie (1848, p. 81) say "a specimen of a young female, shot in Orkney, by Mr Simmons, was in the procession of Mr Sowerby."

#### **[1851 Northeast Scotland]**

Gray (1871, p. 394) says "a single specimen appears to have occurred in Banffshire - a circumstance alluded to by Mr Yarrell [presumably not 1st edition as this was 1843], who remarks that he saw the bird, which was a young one, and was killed in the autumn of 1851." But in a footnote adds "Mr Ewes has informed me that it has now ascertained beyond a doubt that Mr Yarrell had, in this instance, mistaken a female long-tailed duck for the harlequin." Yarrell & Saunders (1885, iv, p. 453) make no mention of this bird.

Dalgliegh (1880) says "One Banffshire. Newton, Zool., 1852., p. 3331. Also proved to be a Long-tailed Duck. (Newton, i.c.) Autumn 1851."

#### **[1858 Northeast Scotland]**

Yarrell & Saunders (1885, iv, p. 453) says "Major W. Ross King [author of *The Sportsman and Naturalist in Canada*] states that he shot a male in good plumage in 1858, at Buchan, Aberdeenshire, after several days' storm from the north-east; but, although stuffed at the time, the bird was subsequently thrown away."

#### **[1931 Outer Hebrides]**

South of Harris, adult m, 13th February.

#### **[1933 Shetland]**

Venables & Venables (1955) put the following record in square brackets: male seen off the Home pier (Whalsay) on 5th March 1933. See Scot. Nat. 1933: 147.

#### **[1937 Orkney]**

Off Papa Westray, m, June.

#### **[1954 Argyll]**

Booth (1975) says "An entry in the game book says a male was shot on the Laggan river on 12 November 1954. It was identified by a taxidermist. This record has not been accepted but I have every reason to believe it correct." This record is currently being reassessed by BBRC (M A Ogilvie, pers comm).

#### **[1955 Shetland]**

A female reported at Pool of Virkie on 16th October 1955, was later re-identified as a Long-tailed Duck (*Scottish Naturalist* 1957: 171). There are 2 photos of this bird in the Waterston Library archive.

#### **Black Scoter *Melanitta nigra***

##### **North American and East Siberian race *M. n. americana* (3, 6)**

**1987 Lothian** Gosford Bay, m, 31st December to 1st January 1988 (A Brown) (*British Birds* 81: 549; *Lothian Bird Report* 1988: 86); presumed same, Gosford Bay, 14th March 1989 (P R Gordon); presumed same, Gullane Point, 22nd November 1989 (P R Gordon) (*British Birds* 83: 455)

**1989 Moray & Nairn** Culbin Bar, m, 22nd January to 8th February, 11th December (P G Akers) (*British Birds* 83: 455); **Highland** Dornoch, at least 15th April 1990 (R J Evans *et al*) (*British Birds* 87: 517); Embo and Dornoch, 23rd March to 2nd May 1991 (P J Benstead, W J Brame, L Cox *et al*) (*British Birds* 87: 518); Dornoch, 11th December 1991 (D M Pullan, I T Rowlands) (*British Birds* 87: 518); **Moray & Nairn** Findhorn Bay, 29th to 31st October 1992 (B Robson *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 567); Burghead Bay, at least 8th December 1992 (R J Evans *et al*) (*British Birds* 87: 518); Findhorn, 23rd February 1993 (R J Evans) (*British Birds* 88: 504); **Highland** Dornoch, 6th to 7th March, 4th, 21st April 1993 (I A MacDonald per A Vittery; S Blamire, D M Pullan) (*British Birds* 87: 517, 88: 504); **Moray & Nairn** Burghead, 12th March 1993 (M C Dennis *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 504)

**1989 Dumfries & Galloway** Loch Ryan, m, 16th February (P M Hill, J M Mottishaw) (*British Birds* 84: 463)

##### **Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola* (1, 9)**

**1980 Outer Hebrides** West Loch Bee, South Uist, m, 14th to at least 18th March (D J R Counsell, L Gardiner, J J Gordon *et al*) (*British Birds* 74: 464)

Alan Knox's "The Bufflehead in Britain: a review" (*British Birds*, vol. 94, pp. 61-73) lists four Scottish records between 1841 and 1870 which are now considered insufficiently documented:

Orkney Islands, autumn 1841

Loch of Strathbeg, Aberdeenshire, pre-1854, adult male

Loriston Loch, Aberdeen, January 1865, adult male

Eriskey, South Uist, Western Isles, June 1870, adult male

##### **Barrow's Goldeneye *Bucephala islandica* (1, 1)**

**1979 Ayrshire** Irvine, adult m, 4th November to 28th December (Dr J T Knowler *et al*) (*British Birds* 76: 528, 85: 519-520, 88: 104-106)

#### **[1913 Shetland]**

H.W. Ford-Lindsay (*British Birds* 1913-14: 21-22) records shooting two males at Scalloway on 18th March 1913. The editors of *British Birds* added a note of caution. Not in BOU 1971.

##### **Black Kite *Milvus migrans* (16, 302)**

**1901 Northeast Scotland** Near Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, m, shot, 14th or 16th April (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1901: 133)

**1966 Orkney** Harray, 18th to 19th May (E Balfour); same, **Shetland** Sumburgh, 27th May to 2nd June (M Carins, G D Joy, M J McVail *et al*) (*British Birds* 60: 315; *Scottish Birds* 4: 295)

**1968 Orkney** Rousay, 15th May (E Balfour) (*British Birds* 62: 466; *Scottish Birds* 6: 38-39)

**1970 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, adult, 28th September (Prof. M F M Meiklejohn) (*British Birds* 64: 348; *Scottish Birds* 6: 331-332)

**1974 Moray & Nairn** Cabrach, Banffshire, 14th July (D Russell) (*British Birds* 73: 502)

**1975 Orkney** Eday, 3rd May (R D Lowe) (*British Birds* 69: 333)

**1975 Shetland** Unst, 11th June (R Kersley, F J Walker *et al*) (*British Birds* 70: 447)

**1976 Outer Hebrides** North Rona, 26th to 30th June (M A S Beaman, P G H Evans *et al*) (*British Birds* 71: 496)

**1979 Northeast Scotland** Loch of Strathbeg, 30th May (J Dunbar) (*British Birds* 73: 502)

**1987 Dumfries & Galloway** Lochanhead, 28th August (G, P & S Roxley) (*British Birds* 81: 551)

**1989 Orkney** Birsay, 14th June (M Gray, I Higginston *et al*); same, Finstown, 14th (E J Williams) (*British Birds* 83: 456)

**1994 Ayrshire** Pinwherry, 6th June (P McEwen, A Stevenson) (*British Birds* 88: 504)

**1995 Lothian** Belhaven Bay, 7th April (C N Davison, K Gillon) (*British Birds* 89: 495; *Lothian Bird Report* 1995: 111)

**1997 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, 2nd to 13th May (M Gray *et al*); same, **Shetland** Kergord, Scalloway and Mid Yell area, 15th May to at least 18th August (P M Ellis, J Mitchell *et al*) (*British Birds* 91: 470)

**1997 Argyll** Vaul, Tiree, 16th May (C R McKay) (*British Birds* 93: 526)

**1997 Dumfries & Galloway** Loch Ryan, 9th August (C Baines) (*British Birds* 91: 470)

#### **Pallid Harrier** *Circus macrourus* (4, 10)

**1931 Fair Isle** second-year m, shot, 24th April to 8th May (*Scottish Naturalist* 1932: 1), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1931.127.1)

**1993 Perth & Kinross** Near Aberfeldy, m, probably second-summer, 5th to 7th May (J Craib, R Etheridge, Mrs W Mattingley) (*British Birds* 88: 505; *Ibis* 140: 182). This bird displayed to a female Hen Harrier (*British Birds* 89: 73)

**1993 Shetland** Exnaboe area, juvenile, 15th to 16th September (D & J Coutts, J N Dymond, H R Harrop, M Mellor *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 505; *Scottish Birds* 17: 174; *Shetland Bird Report* 1993: 118-119; *Birding World* 6: 397)

**1995 Orkney** Dunkadale area, second-summer m, 18th April to 27th June; also, 13th September and possibly November (K Fairclough, E R Meek *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 496; *Birding World* 8: 253-255). This bird was paired to a female Hen Harrier; clutch of 5 eggs laid, but eggs dissappeared, probably taken by a predator (*British Birds* 91: 430)

[1942 Fair Isle]

Adult m, Fair Isle, 6th to 13th May (BB 38: 230) - not in BOU 1971

[1949 Fair Isle]

20 October 1949 (FIBOB 5: 35)

#### **Lesser Kestrel** *Falco naumanni* (2, 17)

**1897 Northeast Scotland** Boyndlie, Aberdeenshire, f, shot, 25th October (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1898: 51)

**1987 Fair Isle** m, 23rd June (A G Pitches, N J Riddiford *et al*) (*British Birds* 81: 551)

#### **1897 Northeast Scotland**

George Sim reports (*Annals of Scottish Natural History*, 1898, p. 51) "A female of the very rare *Falco cenchris* was shot by the Rev. Elton Lee on the estate of Boyndlie [Aberdeenshire] on the 25th of October last [1897], and was sent to me for preservation ... Claws white."

#### **American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* (1, 2)

**1976 Fair Isle** m, 25th to 27th May, *F.s. sparverius* (R A Broad, the late R A Richardson, M Taylor *et al*) (*British Birds* 71: 496, 74: 199-203; *Scottish Birds* 10: 90)

#### **Eleonora's Falcon** *Falco eleonora* (1, 4)

**1985 Outer Hebrides** Bornish, South Uist, m, 14th June (Dr D B Jackson, T J & Mrs C Stowe) (*British Birds* 83: 459)

#### **Sora** *Porzana carolina* (3, 14)

**1901 Argyll** Tiree, male, shot, 25th October (*Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club* 12: 26)

**1913 Outer Hebrides** Near Ness, Lewis, immature m, shot, 12th November (*British Birds* 7: 202-203)

**1982 Shetland** Foula, adult, 30th October (Mrs F Rutter) (*British Birds* 77: 520)

#### **1913 Outer Hebrides**

W R Ogilvie-Grant wrote (*British Birds* 7: 202-3) "An immature male Carolina Crane (*Porzana carolina*) was shot by Mr A. Blain (Galson Lodge, Stornoway), near Ness, Lewis, Outer Hebrides, on November 12th, 1913, and sent to the Natural History Museum in the flesh."

#### **Little Crane** *Porzana parva* (5, 101)

**1852 Northeast Scotland** River Isla, Thornton, Banffshire, found dead, 12th March (*Zoologist* 1860: 6968)

**1909 Ayrshire** Girvan Harbour, caught exhausted on a boat, 29th March, later collected (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1909: 185)

**1911 Argyll** Near Loch Scamadale, caught, 29th September (*Scottish Naturalist* 1912: 20)

**1959 Shetland** Uyeasound, Unst, m, picked up dead on the shore, April (S T Saxby) (*British Birds* 53: 417; *Scottish Birds*: 235), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1966.56)

**1970 Fair Isle** m, trapped, 11th May (R H Dennis, Dr B Marshall *et al*) (*British Birds* 64: 349; *Scottish Birds* 6: 277)

#### **1852 Northeast Scotland**

Mr Thomas Edward in his *List of the Birds of Banffshire* (*Zoologist*, 1860, p. 6968) says "this occurred in March, 1852, at a place called Thornton [Banffshire, NJ4851], on the banks of the Isla. It was found dead by a girl tending cattle." Gray (1871, p. 334) added that it was "found dead in a plantation ... on 12th March 1852" and on p. 514 "Mr J.H. Gurney, jun., informs me (August 1871) that his father has in his collection a Scottish specimen of this bird." J.H. Gurney, jr clarified matters (*Scottish Naturalist*, 1871-72, i, p. 269) saying "it was the same as the one recorded in the body of the work... It is an adult male bird, but not in very good condition." Listed by Witherby *et al* (1938-41, v, p. 189).

#### **1909 Ayrshire**

James Aird (Girvan) wrote (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1909: 185): "On the 29th of March a fisherman saw a bird moving about in his boat, which was lying in Girvan Harbour. On stepping into the boat he found that the bird could not fly, being in an exhausted condition, and he picked it up and brought it to me. I gave it water, slugs, chopped worms, and scraped beef, and left it for a few hours. On my return I found it had fed freely, principally on the beef, and was quite lively. On examining it carefully, with the aid of a friend interested in natural history, we came to the conclusion that it was a Little Crane (*Porzana parva*), and identification, which was afterwards confirmed by Mr Charles Kirk, taxidermist, Glasgow."

#### **1911 Argyll**

*Scottish Naturalist* 1912: 20 "A Little Crane was seen near Loch Scamadale, Argyll, on 29th September 1911. The bird was caught and examined (*The Field*, 7th October 1911, p. 185)".

[1952 Lothian Duddingston Loch, 30th November - not accepted]

#### **Baillon's Crane** *Porzana pusilla* (5, 13 since 1958)

**1835 Dumfries & Galloway** Near Lochmaben, Dumfriesshire, shot, summer (*Naturalists' Library* 12: 336)

**1893 Clyde** Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, hit wires, mid-May (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1897: 123-124)

**1910 Caithness** Near Halkirk, f, shot, 21st August (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1911: 140)

**1929 Fair Isle** f, obtained, 11th May (*Scottish Naturalist* 1929: 91), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (1929.7)

**1991 Fair Isle** juvenile f, trapped, 28th September, found dead 2nd October (S J M Gantlett, P V Harvey, D Suddaby *et al*), now in D. Suddaby collection (*British Birds* 85: 522; *Scottish Birds* 16: 211)

#### **1835 Dumfries & Galloway**

Sir William Jardine (*Naturalists' Library*, 1842, vol. 12, p. 336) describes a specimen in his procession "shot in summer a few years since, in an extensive moss in this vicinity [Jardine Hall, north of Lockerbie/ Lochmaben]." Gray (1871, p. 334) gives the location as "a moss near Lockerbie" and Saunders (1899), erroneously, gives the year as 1842, but Baxter and Rintoul (1953) say "one was shot in the summer of 1835 near Lochmaben [Dumfries-shire]."

[1844 Highland]

Harvie-Brown & Buckley (1887, p. 207) say "Dunbar has a note in MS.: 'shot near Loch Crale Sutherland in 1844'. Loch Crale or Cragail is about four miles N.E. of Inveran."

[Pre-1840 Caithness records]

Shearer & Osborne (1862) mention Baillon's Crane as "very rare" in Caithness before 1840. Wilson (1842) mentions it in Sinclair's collection. Gray (1871, p. 334) says one was "referred to by the late Mr James Wilson in his voyage round Scotland, as having been procured in Caithness-shire by Mr Sinclair of Wick and preserved in that gentleman's collection." Harvie-Brown & Buckley (1887, p. 207) state that "there is certainly one Baillon's crane at present in Dr Sinclair's collection at Thurso, and another at Brawl Castle. These were seen by Harvie-Brown in 1885, but no information was forthcoming." Saunders (1899) says one "(in the Sinclair Collection at Thurso) was probably killed in Sutherland in 1841."

[1889 Fife]

J. Grierson (*Scottish Birds* 2:143) reports in square brackets: "On 3rd January 1889 a tiny crane was caught at Scotsraig by W. Berry and later released. A detailed description was shown to Dr Eagle Clarke, who reported that the bird was a Baillon's Crane. As the record has never been published, and neither the description nor Dr Eagle Clarke's comments can be traced, it is impossible to be absolutely certain that the bird could not have been a Little Crane *Porzana parva*."

[Pre-1891 Dumfries & Galloway]

John Paterson of Glasgow (*Annals of Scottish Natural History*, 1897, p. 124) refers to Macpherson (1891) (*Introduction to the Study of British Birds*) who says one was "caught by a dog near Stranraer [Wigtownshire]." No year or date is given.

#### **1893 Clyde**

John Paterson of Glasgow (*Annals of Scottish Natural History*, 1897, p. 123-124) says "In the middle of May 1893 an example of this Crane (*Porzana bailloni*), which had met its death through coming in contact with telegraph wires, was picked up in Lochwinnoch parish, [West] Renfrewshire, by Mr. Whitelaw. Not knowing what the bird was, its possessor submitted it to Messrs. Matthew Barr and John Craig, joint authors of the birds of the Ayrshire parish of Beith, adjoining Lochwinnoch, and it was identified by them as a Baillon's Crane. Mr. Whitelaw probably did not understand its value, and he exchanged it with Mr. F.W. Pape, Bolton, for some birds' eggs. It was acquired by the Chadwick Museum, Bolton, from Mr. Pape, with other birds, in the same year (1893) and I am indebted to Mr. Thomas Midgley, the assistant curator there, for kindly sending it to me for examination."

Craig & Barr (1912, p. 112) included this record in their list of the birds known to have occurred within 3-4 miles of Beith, Ayrshire, and it is possibly for this reason that Paton & Pike (1929, p. 209), and as a result also Hogg (1982), included this bird as an Ayrshire record.

[1898 Caithness]

William Arkwright of Westfield Lodge, Thurso writes (*Annals of Scottish Natural History*, 1899, p. 50) "When shooting here in September [1898] I obtained a female specimen of Baillon's Crane, which is now being set up by Mr Dunbar of Thurso."

#### 1910 Caithness

In *Annals of Scottish Natural History* (1911: 140): "A female of Baillon's Crake was shot near Halkirk (Caithness) on 21st August."

#### 1929 Shetland

George Stout (Fair Isle) wrote (*Scottish Naturalist* 1929: 91): "A female example of this Crake (*Porzana pusilla intermedia*) was obtained here on 11th May this year. The ovary contained six well-developed eggs. the skin has been forwarded to the Royal Scottish Museum."

#### Sandhill Crane *Grus canadensis* (2, 3)

**1981 Fair Isle** first-summer, 26th to 27th April (D G Borton, N J Riddiford, I S Robertson) (*British Birds* 75: 498, 76: 105-109)

**1991 Shetland** Exnaboe, first-winter moulting to second-winter, 17th to 25th September; same, Sumburgh, 26th (M Davison, P M Ellis *et al*) (*British Birds* 85: 522)

#### Little Bustard *Tetrax tetrax* (11, 110)

**1833 Angus & Dundee** Near Montrose, Angus, killed, 20th December (Gray 1871, p. 249)

**1840 Fife** Near St Andrews, f, shot, 6th March (Macgillivray 1852, iv, p. 39)

**1848 or 1849 Caithness** Near Halkirk, f, shot, mid-June (Harvie-Brown & Buckley 1887, pp. 209-211)

**1861 Moray & Nairn** Westfield, near Elgin, Morayshire, f, obtained, 8th February (Gray 1871, pp. 249-250), now at Elgin Museum

**1873 Northeast Scotland** Fingask, Oldmeldrum, Aberdeenshire, f, shot, 13th November (*Scottish Naturalist* 2: 204)

**1912 Northeast Scotland** Gallaton, near Stonehaven, Kincardineshire, f, shot, 1st January, present for c.2 weeks (*Scottish Naturalist* 1912: 44-45), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1960.49.3)

**1935 Northeast Scotland** Mill of Rora, near Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, f, shot, 3rd January (*Scottish Naturalist* 1935: 102)

**1964 Dumfries & Galloway** Kidsdale Farm, Luce Bay, Wigtownshire, m, 29th April (F W Champion, R Nicholson) (*British Birds* 58: 359; *Scottish Birds* 3: 253)

**1989 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, m, 23rd May (P J Donnelly) (*British Birds* 83: 459)

**1994 Fair Isle** m, 5th to 6th November (Mrs E A Riddiford, Dr R Riddington, N C Ward *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 508)

**1998 Shetland** Ringasta area, Sumburgh, f, 4th to 6th October, when flew into wires and taken into care injured, died 8th (A Fitchett *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 569; *Shetland Bird Report* 1998: 90-91), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1998.164)

#### 1833 Angus & Dundee

Gray (1871, p. 249) listed one "in the Montrose Museum, which was shot near that town in December 1833. In April, 1868, I had an opportunity of examining this specimen, which is still in good preservation."

Drummond Hays (1886) says "was shot near Montrose, 20th December, 1833, by J. Rintoull, gamekeeper (J.A.H.B. in litt.).

Listed by Witherby, B&R and BOU 1971.

#### 1840 Fife

Prof. W. Macgillivray (*A History of British Birds*, 1852, iv, p. 39) reports "a female which Mr John Adamson informs me was shot on the 6th of March, 1840, near St. Andrew's. It was first seen among turnips, on the farm of Burnside. When raised, it took a short circular flight, with outstretched neck, like a duck, and again settled in an adjoining ploughed field, where it was found with some difficulty as it sat close. It gave a peculiar chirping cry on rising. It was in fine condition, weighing twenty-eight ounces, and on being prepared was placed in the museum of the St. Andrew's Literary and Philosophical Society."

Listed by Witherby, B&R and BOU 1971.

#### 1848 or 1849 Caithness

Shearer & Osborne (1862) mention Little Bustard as "very rare; once observed" in Caithness, and also that it was added to the county list by Dr Sinclair after 1840. Gray (1871, p. 250) also appears to be unaware of any details.

Harvie-Brown & Buckley (1887, pp. 209-211) give more detail of what they describe as "the fullest and most authentic account of the capture ...". The bird came into the possession of Dr Sinclair in the middle of June 1848 or 1849. It had been shot by a 'poacher' in the parish of Halkirk, 16 miles from Wick and 5 miles from Thurso. The complicating factor is that, in 1848, Mr Wolley obtained an egg – later identified as that of a Little Bustard – from Mr Cramond, Thurso under the understanding that it had been taken in Caithness. Unfortunately, no link between the shot bird and the egg was ever made, nor for that matter, the precise origin of the egg, so the matter was not pursued.

Listed by Witherby, B&R and BOU 1971.

#### 1861 Moray & Nairn

Gray (1871, pp. 249-250) says "a female was obtained in Morayshire on 8th February, 1861: it was shot at Westfield, about four or five miles from Elgin, and when first seen was along with a flock of wood pigeons in a turnip field picking the tops of the plants. This bird, which is a very fine specimen, now belongs to the collection of the Elgin Museum, where I have seen and examined it."

#### [1861 Moray & Nairn]

Gray (1871, p. 250) says another "was seen in the same county [Morayshire] a few days after the last mentioned bird was killed [8th Feb. 1861]. It was observed on three or four different occasions, but was so shy that it would not admit of a nearer approach than 200 yards."

Listed by Witherby, B&R and BOU 1971. However, this sight record is very poorly documented (JJA).

#### 1873 Northeast Scotland

George Sim (*The Scottish Naturalist*, 1873-74, vol. 2, p. 204) reports "on the 13th November [1873] a female of the above species [Little Bustard] was shot by J.B. Munson, Esq., on the estate of Fingask, Old Meldrum [Aberdeenshire]." Sim (1903, p. 166) gives the shooter's name as "Manson", and adds that the specimen was sent to him.

Witherby *et al* (1938-41) and BOU (1971) only include one Aberdeen record (presumably the 1935 one). Included by B&R (without details) and Phillips (1997).

#### [1889 Northeast Scotland]

Sim (1903, p. 166) says one "was killed at Culter, December 10th, 1889; sex and weight not noted. It was preserved by Mr. Benzie, Aberdeen."

Listed without details by B&R (1953), but was excluded by Witherby *et al* (1938-41) and BOU (1971), but included in Phillips (1997). Less well substantiated than the 1873 record (above) (JJA).

#### 1912 Northeast Scotland

Charles Cook (Edinburgh) says (*Scottish Naturalist* 1912: 44): "a fine specimen of this rare bird (Otis tetrax) was shot on the farm of Gallaton, on the estate of Barras, near Stonehaven, on 1st January 1912. The bird had been observed as a stranger frequenting a certain turnip field on the farm for about a fortnight, but the gamekeeper could not identify it. It was wary, and was only shot after considerable manoeuvring. The bird, a male in winter plumage, has been set up by Messrs Small & Son, George Street, Edinburgh."

L J Rintoul & E V Baxter (*Scottish Naturalist* 1929) say: "Dr Hartert writes that he finds 'it to be a typical female of the Eastern *Tetrao tetrax orientalis*'. The specimen is now in the Lundin Links Museum, having been bequeathed by the late Mr William Cook to this collection."

Came to NMS from the collections of the Largo Field Naturalists' Society, via Sir John Gilmour, when they were dispersed in 1960 (R McGowan pers comm).

#### 1935 Northeast Scotland

Note in *Scottish Naturalist* 1935, p102: "A female specimen of the Eastern Little Bustard (Otis tetrax orientalis) was inadvertently shot on the farm of Mill of Rora, on the Pitfour estate, near Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, on 3rd January 1935."

#### Houbara Bustard *Chlamydotis undulata* (1, 5)

**1898 Northeast Scotland** St Fergus, Aberdeenshire, immature f, *C. u. macqueenii*, shot, 24th October (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1899: 51, 73)

#### 1898 Northeast Scotland

J.G. Walker of West London (*Annals of Scottish Natural History*, 1899, p. 51) reports "On the 24th of October last [1898], when out shooting partridges at St. Fergus, - part of the Pitfour estate in Aberdeenshire, - I shot a bird which the Pitfour keeper and Mr. Sim the Aberdeen naturalist have pronounced to be a Little Bustard [sic] (*Otis tetrax*). The bird was first seen in a turnip-field. It got up out of shot, and flew with a slow, leisurely flight. It seemed to be weak, as if wounded. I went after the bird and secured it. Mr. Mutch, the keeper, when skinning it found a swan-shot embedded in its thigh. It may be mentioned that for about ten days before, N.E. gales of unusual severity had prevailed on this coast."

In the next issue of the same magazine (*Annals of Scottish Natural History*, 1899, pp. 73-74), William Eagle Clarke reports "Some doubt as to the identity of the bird recorded as a Little Bustard in the last number of this magazine having arisen, Mr. Walker, the owner of the specimen, kindly submitted it to me for determination. I found, as Mr. Walker suspected, that the bird was undoubtedly an example of the Asiatic Houbara, or Macqueen's Bustard [*C. u. macqueenii*]. It is a young female, but whether about four months old or sixteen months is, perhaps, questionable ... the specimen ... has an incipient crest, a moderately developed ruff on the sides of the neck, and some show of bluish-gray on the sides of the chest."

The specimen was exhibited at a meeting of the Royal Physical Society of Edinburgh on 15th February 1899 by W.E. Clarke (*Proc. Roy. Phys. Soc.*, 1899, xiv, pp. 162-163).

The whereabouts of this specimen is unknown, apart from saying that it is not in the National Museums of Scotland (Edinburgh) or the Natural History Museum (Tring) (R McGowan, pers. comm.)

Sim (1903, p. 166), presumably in error, says it is a male.

#### Great Bustard *Otis tarda* (6 since 1800, 20 since 1958)

**Pre-1526 Borders** 'a few bred on the Merse in Berwickshire' (Gray 1871)

**1876 Orkney** Holland, Stronsay, adult f, shot, 29th March (*Zoologist* 1876: 4927-4928)

**1892 Orkney** Housebay, Stronsay, f, 6th to 8th February, shot 8th (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1892: 138), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1897.16)

**1895 Ayrshire** Irvine, f, considerably decomposed corpse washed up, 20th June (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1895: 253)

**1924 Orkney** Newark Farm, Sanday, immature f, caught, 4th January and held until 20th February, when it died (*Scottish Naturalist* 1924: 89)

**1936 Shetland** Hillswick, Mainland, f, shot, 19th May (*Scottish Naturalist* 1937: 31)

**1970 Fair Isle** adult f, 11th January, caught 16th January and released 24th February; it was caught again on 5th March and kept in captivity until 6th April when it was taken to a wildlife park in Buckinghamshire (G J Barnes, R H Dennis, E Stout *et al*) (*British Birds* 64: 349; *Scottish Birds* 6: 171)

#### **Pre-1526 Borders**

Hector Boethius or Boece (1526) said [translation in Gray 1871] "Beside these, we have another foule in Mers, more strange and uncouth than all these aforementioned, called a Gustard, fullie so great as a swan, but in colour of feathers and last little differing from a partridge. Howbeit, these birds are not verie common, neither to be seene in all places, such also is their qualitie, that if they perceive their eggs to have been touched in their absence by man's hand (which lie commonly on the bare earth) they forsake those nests and lie in other places." From this it has been deduced that a few Great Bustards bred on the Merse in Berwickshire in the 16th Century.

By 1684, Sir Robert Sibbald used the past tense when referring to the Gustard on the Merse.

#### **[Pre-1684 Lothian]**

Sir Robert Sibbald (1684) wrote that the 'otis' is 'I was recently told that one had been seen in East Lothian not so long ago." See also Gladstone (1924) and I.D. Pennie (*Scottish Birds* 3:164).

#### **[1793 Angus and Dundee]**

Robert Mudie (*The Feathered Tribes of the British Isles*, 1834, i, pp. 53-54) describes two large birds he saw near Carmyllie, Forfarshire. He says "I have no doubt in my mind [that they] were bustards .. but I cannot venture to record my belief as an authentic instance."

#### **[1803 Moray & Nairn** Near Oakenhead, Moray, shot, no date]

Fleming (1828, p.115) says "one was shot in 1803, in Murraysshire by William Young Esq. of Boroughhead." Referring to the same individual, the Rev. G. Gordon (*Zoologist*, 1843, p. 512) says "One was shot near Oakenhead, in 1803, by the late Wm. Young, Esq., of Burghhead."

#### **[Pre-1844 Moray & Nairn** Inchbroom, no date, a few years before 1844]

In Feb 1844, Rev. G. Gordon (*Zoologist*, 1843, p. 512) says "Another was taken a few years ago at Inchbroom [Morayshire], by Chas. Barclay, Esq."

#### **[1861 Highland** Strath Skinsdale, Blackwater River, Sutherland, 13th August]

Harting (1901, pp. 160-161) says "another was seen in Strath Skinsdale, [Blackwater River,] Sutherlandshire, in August 1861. A reference to *The Field* of 22nd February 1862 (p. 159) gives the date as 13th August 1861.

#### **1876 Orkney**

John Bruce of Kirkwall reports (*Zoologist*, 1876, pp. 4927-4928; *The Field*, 8th and 15th April 1876) "a great bustard was shot here on March 29 [1876]. On that date, Mr. W. Stephenson, of New Holland, Stronsay, seeing a large number of gulls circling over some object in one of his fields, and thinking it might be one of his sheep dead, went towards them, and discovered the object of their interest to be a large and strange bird. It seemed so tame that he attempted to drive it to the farmstead, but it at length took wing, and, after flying for about a mile, returned over the same field, when Mr. Stephenson killed it with an almost vertical shot, at what he considered to be about one hundred yards from the ground. The bird coincided in every respect with the description given by Yarrell of the great bustard, and the ill-developed plumes on the chin showed it to be a female bird of mature age. The stomach was perfectly packed with partially digested grass and green stuff, and the ovary contained several eggs in a very early stage of formation. The body was muscular and in good condition, but almost entirely destitute of fat, the total weight being nine pounds and three-quarters. The stretch of the wings was four feet ten inches and a half; length from tip of beak to tip of tail, two feet eleven inches; circumference over folded wings, one foot nine inches and a half; and height, with neck slightly curved backwards, two feet six inches."

"With reference to the great bustard recently obtained in Orkney, I have pleasure in informing you that it has been stuffed, and is now in the possession of Mr. Stevenson, of Stronsay Vale, on whose farm and by whom it was shot. Previous to being observed in Stronsay it had been seen on an uninhabited skerry by several people, and supposed to be an eagle. Tolerably strong easterly winds prevailed for three days before its discovery, which might have assisted it in its supposed journey from the Continent. I may add that the body, when skinned, had a strong and decidedly unpleasant aromatic odour. When washed with fresh water this greatly disappeared, and, after being stewed, it gave myself and several other gentlemen who tasted it the idea of coarse-grained meat, with the flavour of jugged hare. There is no record, so far as I can discover, of the great bustard having visited these islands before."

Gladstone (1924) considered that this was doubtless the bird referred to as shot at the same place, but in "March [April?] 1886" by Buckley & Harvie-Brown (1891, p. 201). The Practical Handbook (vol. 2 p. 816) also says "once Orkneys (1886)."

#### **1892 Orkney**

T.S. Peace of Kirkwall wrote (*Annals of Scottish Natural History*, 1892, p. 138) "On the 8th February last [1892], Mr. D.H. Learmonth, farmer, Honsebay [sic], Stronsay, a very enthusiastic sportsman, was informed by some of his men that a strange bird, a sort of goose they thought, had been feeding about the centre of one of his fields, since the preceding Saturday (6th). He took his gun, and going to the field mentioned, a thirty-eight acre turnip field, observed it immediately, there was no chance of stalking it, so he approached in a contracting circuit, and when about seventy yards distant it got up, and he fired. It fell, just one pellet having struck it on the head, it was a fine female, and though in poor condition I am informed that it weighed exactly 9½ lbs. The weather had been wet and stormy for some time. The bird was quite alone. It seems to have frequented the same field all the time, as it was not observed elsewhere. It is noteworthy that a bustard obtained on Stronsay in 1876, was shot by Mr. Wm. Stevenson on the contiguous farm of Holland."

Gladstone (1924) says this "is now [1924] in Royal Scottish Museum." The locality is Housebay (OS map). Purchased from W. Small & Son for £7.10.0 (per Bob McGowan, NMS).

#### **1895 Ayrshire**

John Pringle of Irvine (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1895, p. 253) says "On the 20th of June this year [1895], while walking on the beach at Irvine, I observed a large bird floating in the water, which I managed to secure, but was quite puzzled with it, having never seen one like it before, nor was I able to ascertain its name from any one in the district to whom I showed it. Finally, I submitted it to Mr. J.A. Harvie-Brown, who pronounced it to be a specimen of the Great Bustard (*Otis tarda*) – a bird that has been extinct as an indigenous species in S.E. Scotland for over three centuries, and now only an extremely rare casual visitor from the Continent of Europe, and one which it is believed has never before

been recorded for Ayrshire. The bird was considerably decomposed when found, and has evidently been in the water for some days. From its comparatively small size it was evidently a female."

#### **1924 Orkney**

Hugh S. Gladstone (*Scottish Naturalist* 1924 p 89 ) says: "On the night of 4t January 1924 a great Bustard was captured by a rabbit-catcher on Newark Farm. The bird was put in a large box for a few days and became quite tame. It was given bread, raisins, turnips, cabbage, and water, and fed out of the rabbit-catcher's hand. When he was cleaning his rabbits the bird used to come up to o him and partake of the entrails. It appeared to be flourishing, but died unexpectedly on 20th February 1924."

#### **1936 Shetland**

*Scottish Naturalist* 1937 p. 31 says "Great Bustard - Mr Samuel Bruce kindly showed me a female specimen of this species which had been obtained at Hillswick on 19th May 1936."

NB Witherby *et al* (1938-41) say "Apart from ancient breeding records has occurred in Scotland, Moray (1803), Ayr (June 1895), Orkney (March 1876, Feb. 1892, Jan. 1924), Shetland (May 1936)."

### **Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* (9\*, 326)**

**Pre-1684 Dumfries & Galloway** "A lake near Dumfries", Dumfriesshire, shot, no date (Sibbald 1684, pt. 2, book 3, p. 18)

**1850 Clyde** Near Port Glasgow, shot, no date (Gray 1871, p. 303)

**1920 Dumfries & Galloway** Loch Ryan, Wigtownshire, adult, 17th October (*British Birds* 14: 164)

**1953 Highland** Ardgay, Easter Ross, no date; presumed same, Gordonbush, Brora, Sutherland, 20th April (*Scottish Naturalist* 1955: 102)

**1958 Clyde** Near Erskine Ferry, Renfrewshire, 5th October (P R Campbell) (*British Birds* 53: 165; *Scottish Birds* 1: 72)

**1984 Northeast Scotland** Ythan Estuary, first-winter, 14th October (I Macleod); same, Meikle Loch, 16th October to 3rd November (R Proctor *et al*); remains found, Cotehill Loch, mid-November (per Dr M V Bell) (*British Birds* 78: 542)

**1986 Borders** St Abbs Head, adult f, 26th May (P R Gordon, K J Rideout, C K Robeson) (*British Birds* 80: 533)

**1990 Outer Hebrides** Howmore, South Uist, two, 5th July (M Wills) (*British Birds* 86: 476)

#### **[Old record Banff]**

Old and doubtful record from Banff in R&B (1928 & 1953).

#### **Pre-1684 Dumfries (2)**

A translation of ornithological data from Sir Robert Sibbald's *Scotia Illustrata sive Prodromus* (1684) by W.H. Mullens (*British Birds* vol 6) includes "Himantopus", giving a full and accurate description of one of two shot by William Dalmahoy at a loch near Dumfries.

H. Gladstone *Birds of Dumfries-shire* gives a translation of Sir Robert Sibbald (1684, part 2, book 3, p. 18) "The Himantopus of Pliny ... This bird ... was to me by William Dalmahoy, an officer of the Royal Guards, and an excellent ornithologist. It had been shot with a gun at a lake near the town of Dumfries, where also a second specimen was subsequently shot, but, through some carelessness on the part of my military friend, was lost." He adds "I presume that both birds (i.e. the one which Dalmahoy sent to Sibbald and the one which was lost) were shot by Dalmahoy, - though the text does not actually say so much... The 'lake near the town of Dumfries,' cannot now be identified. The Darduff, Black and Sand Lochs were within two miles of the north of the town and would have answered the description, but they have long since been reclaimed... or perhaps Maxwelltown Loch (Kirkcudbrightshire), formerly known as Babington's Loch, may have been the actual spot where they were obtained."

There is arguably insufficient evidence for the second bird even to be considered.

#### **[1793 Perth & Kinross]**

Gray (1871, p. 303) quotes from Don (1812) *Fauna of Forfarshire*: "I have never observed but another, which was on Ben Lawers, in [North] Perthshire, in August, 1793."

#### **[Pre-1812 Angus & Dundee]**

Gray (1871, p. 303) quotes from Don (1812): "I once saw one bird of this species on the mountains of Clova."

#### **[1814 Orkney]**

Baikie & Heddle (1848, p. 64) say "two specimens of this singular bird were killed at Lopness [Sanday] in 1814."

Listed by Witherby and B&R. Very little information available (IJA).

#### **[Pre-1836 Highland]**

Rev. John M'Rae (*The New Statistical Account of Scotland*, xiv, "Glensheil", 1836, p. 189) says "the rare long-legged *Himantopus melanopterus* has been found [in Glensheil parish, Easter Ross]." Gray (1871, p. 303) referred to this statement, but Baxter & Rintoul (1953) conclude "this statement is not confirmed", but counted by Witherby *et al* (1938-41).

#### **[Pre-1843 Shetland]**

Saxby (1874, p. 197) says "Dr Lawrence Edmonston observed one among some Golden Plovers some years prior to 1843, but neither the year nor the date can be remembered."

Listed by B&R as "less well substantiated", but counted by Witherby *et al* (1938-41). Not to be included in new Birds of Shetland (K Osborn pers. com.)

#### 1850 Clyde

Gray (1871, p. 303) says in "1850. ... a specimen, killed on the banks of the Clyde, near Port-Glasgow [Renfrewshire], was exhibited at a meeting of the Royal Physical Society of Edinburgh, by Dr J.A. Smith, the society's secretary." Unfortunately, no mention of this can be found in the proceedings of this society, volume one of which was not published until 1853.

Listed by Witherby and B&R.

#### [1867 Northeast Scotland]

Gray (1871, p. 303) accepts a record by his correspondent, Mr Augus, of Aberdeen. "15th September, 1867 – I observed a bird on the Tile Burn, near Don mouth." A written description followed. Baxter & Rintoul (1953) included it as "a less well authenticated record", presumably because the bird was not collected. Not included by Witherby *et al* (1938-41).

#### [1867 Clyde]

Gray (1871, p. 304) says "in the month of October following [1867], a Black-winged Stilt was seen at Possil marsh, within four miles of Glasgow [Lanarkshire]. It frequented the place for three or four days, and was distinctly observed by different persons. Notwithstanding repeated attempts on its life, the bird luckily escaped."

Listed by Witherby and B&R. To accept a sight record from mid 19th century would be unprecedented (!), but maybe this species is unique.

#### [1867 Dumfries & Galloway]

Gray (1871, p. 304) quotes from a letter from Sir William Jardine, dated 25th December 1867: "my gamekeeper gave me the description of a bird he saw six weeks ago [=mid November], that I could make out to be nothing but a Black-winged Stilt, and I heard of it being killed about eight miles off [from Jardine Hall, north of Lockerbie, Dumfries-shire], but it had been thrown out, and not a feather was to be got."

Baxter & Rintoul (1953) included it as "a less well authenticated record", but included by Witherby *et al* (1938-41).

#### [1920 Highland]

Scotfield, Moray Firth, Inverness-shire, 18th May (*Scottish Naturalist* 1921: 109). For an unknown reason, this record was not included by any subsequent authority, including Baxter & Rintoul (1953).

#### 1920 Dumfries & Galloway

M Portal (*British Birds* 1920 14: 164) wrote: "On October 17th, 1920, I observed a Black-winged Stilt on the upper shore of Loch Ryan, Wigtownshire. It was an adult bird with a pure white head and neck, and was not wild - it settled within sixty yards of the nearest gun - and I got my keeper's telescope on to it for some time. When disturbed by some cows coming along it flew out to nearer low-water mark. Later on it rose again and went away at a fair height to the S.S.E. Its distinctive call first attracted attention. The last ones I saw and observed closely were on the Lake of Belahm not far from Gaza, Palestine."

Listed by Witherby, B&R and Thom (1986).

#### [1934 Shetland]

Venables & Venables (1955) say "one was shot but escaped, at Shaw, Whalsay, in September 1934."

#### 1953 Highland

Thom (list in SOC archive) wrote "rejected" but didn't say why.

### Cream-coloured Courser *Cursorius cursor* (5\*, 33)

**1868 Clyde** Cleghorn, near Lanark, Lanarkshire, m, shot, 8th October (*Zoologist* 1868: 1459), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1954.43)

**1949 Clyde** Near Luggiebank, Lanarkshire, three, 10th October (*Scottish Birds* 5: 28-29)

**1965 Lothian** Gullane Point, 9th to 21st October (D Baty, I Robertson, G Waterson *et al*) (*British Birds* 59: 290; *Scottish Birds* 4: 230-232)

#### 1868 Clyde

Gray (1871 p. 250) reports "a male specimen of this very rare bird was shot in a grass field near Lanark by Charles Walker, Esq., of Braxfield House, on the 7th October 1868. It was alone, and on rising, Mr Walker remarked its flight was somewhat dull and heavy, not unlike the common plover when newly disturbed." Mr J.H. Gurney, Jun., to whom the body of the bird was forwarded, sent notes to Mr. Gray via Harvie-Brown.

The original reference C. Walker in *Zoologist* 1868 p.1459 has not been checked (as the volume is not in the Waterston Library, SOC). It is assumed that the location 'Cleghorn' is mentioned there.

This is now [2001] a mounted specimen in the National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1954.43). It was presented by Mr R St.J. Yates, Oxford.

### Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola* (7, 84)

**1812 Shetland** Baltasound, Unst, shot, 16th August (Bullock 1813)

**1899 Angus & Dundee** Mill Burn, Rocksands, Montrose, Angus, immature, shot, 4th November (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1900: 51)

**1908 Outer Hebrides** Eilean Mór, Flannan Isles, adult f, obtained, 13th July (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1908: 256), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1908.13)

**1963 Orkney** Near Widewall Bay, South Ronaldsay, 6th October (H McKenzie) (*British Birds* 59: 300; *Scottish Birds* 4: 90)

**1971 Fair Isle** 2nd June (T Boothroyd, R A Broad, I S Robertson *et al*) (*British Birds* 65: 335; *Scottish Birds* 7: 259)

**1973 Caithness** Loch of Mey, 4th August (S Laybourne) (*British Birds* 67: 325)

**1974 Shetland** Belmont, Unst, adult, 2nd July (G Bundy) (*British Birds* 68: 319)

Three sight records (1923, 1934 and 1935) listed by Baxter & Rintoul (1953) as Collared Pratincole should probably be demoted to pratincole spp. (see below) as the possibility of Black-winged Pratincole was not completely ruled out [K Osborn, M Cook pers. comm.].

#### 1812 Shetland

Gray (1871, p.251) quotes the Bullock's Museum Catalogue, dated 1812, "We killed this extremely rare British bird in September [sic], 1812, in the island of Unst, within three miles of the northern extremity of Great Britain." Seven years later, in 1819, it was sold to the British Museum for 8 guineas.

Saxby (1874, p. 156) wrote one "was shot at Baltasound on the 16th of August 1812, by Mr Bullock.

William Bullock (1813) in "An account of four rare species of British birds" (*Trans. Linn. Soc.* 11(1): 177) says:

"When I first observed it, it rose within a few feet, and flew round me in the manner of a swallow, and then alighted close to the head of a cow that was tethered within ten yards' distance. After examining it few minutes, I returned to the house of T. Edmondston, Esq., for my gun, and accompanied by that gentleman's brother, went in search of it. After a short time, it came out of some growing corn, and was catching insects at the time I fired, and being wounded only in the wing, we had the opportunity of examining it alive. In the form of its bill, wings and tail, as well as in its mode of flight, it greatly resembled the genus *Hirundo*; but, contrary to the whole family, the legs were long, and bare above the knee, agreeing with *tringa*; and, like the Sandpipers, it ran with the greatest rapidity when on the ground, or in shallow water, in pursuit of its food, which was wholly of flies, and of which its stomach was full."

#### 1899 Angus & Dundee

J.A. Harvie-Brown wrote (*Annals of Scottish Natural History*, 1900, p. 51) "I received for identification a young Pratincole (*Glareola pratincola*), a bird of the year, which had been shot on the Mill Burn, Rocksands, Montrose, Angus, by Mr. Stormond, Henry Street, on the 4th of November 1899."

### Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni* (3, 34)

**1927 Fair Isle** f, 18th May, secured 19th (*Scottish Naturalist* 1927: 111), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1927.75)

**1976 Northeast Scotland** Loch of Strathbeg, Aberdeenshire, 11th July (R Cardno, S Cutts, J Dunbar) (*British Birds* 71: 498; *Scottish Birds* 10: 314-315)

**1996 Angus & Dundee** Monikie, juvenile, 14th to 16th August (R McCurley, G M Smith *et al*) (*British Birds* 90: 468)

### Pratincole spp. *Glareola* spp. (5, 108)

**1923 Moray & Nairn** Loch Spynie, Moray, 17th August (*Scottish Naturalist* 1924: 9)

**1934 Fair Isle** May (*Scottish Naturalist* 1936: 63-64)

**1935 Fair Isle** May (*Scottish Naturalist* 1936: 63-64)

**1972 Northeast Scotland** Meikle Loch, Aberdeenshire, 12th August (R H Hogg) (*British Birds* 71: 498)

**1987 Shetland** Uyeasound, Unst, 25th May (I Spence) (*British Birds* 81: 555)

### Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus* (9, 57)

**1867 Northeast Scotland** Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, shot, no date, identified at Aberdeen University Museum (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1904: 247)

**1983 Upper Forth** Bo'ness, formerly West Lothian, 16th January to 20th March (D E Dickson, R Shand *et al*) (*British Birds* 77: 521; *Birding Scotland* 5: 39-40)

**1983 Outer Hebrides** Askernish, South Uist, first-winter, 30th December to 7th January 1984 (W A K Neill *et al*) (*British Birds* 77: 521); same, Kilvaley, South Uist, 22nd January 1984 (P R Boyer) (*British Birds* 79: 544)

**1984 Argyll** Colonsay, 7th to 8th January (D C Jardine, R Pitts) (*British Birds* 80: 534)

**1984 Ayrshire** Portencross, 21st January (C Campbell) (*British Birds* 78: 544)

**1990 Outer Hebrides** Eoligarry, Barra, 10th October (A Stewart) (*British Birds* 86: 476)

**1991 Outer Hebrides** Balranald, North Uist, at least 5th May (N Briden, N & Mrs R Lester, Dr P B & Mrs J A Maxted *et al*) (*British Birds* 85: 522)

**1993 Shetland** Loch of Hillwell and Brake area, 13th to 20th March (A Fitchett, D Suddaby *et al*) (*British Birds* 87: 522; *Shetland Bird Report* 1993: 120)

**1995 Northeast Scotland** Loch of Strathbeg, 13th to 15th April (W Dunlop, Mrs K Mowat, P Webster *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 498)

#### 1867 Northeast Scotland

Mr W.P. Pycraft (*Annals of Scot. Nat. Hist.*, 1904, p. 247) describes how he discovered this specimen whilst overhauling the bird collections in the University Museum, Aberdeen in July 1904. It had, according to its label, been shot at Peterhead in 1867 by Mr Andrew Murray, Junr., but it had been incorrectly labelled as a Ringed Plover. He added that "I don't think there can be any question as to its genuineness." It was an adult. This discovery was also reported in *Ibis* (8th Series, 1904, iv, pp. 669-670), *Bull. Brit. Orn. Club* (1904, p. 187) and *Brit. Birds* (1904, ii, p. 150). For a reason not stated, Thom (1986) says it was "reputedly shot at Peterhead in 1867" and that "this record should probably be regarded with some suspicion." In her notes she says "possibly open to doubt". Nonetheless, it was included by the BOU (1971).

#### **Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus* (13, -)**

**1949 Fair Isle** probable ♀, 14th May (*Scottish Naturalist* 1950: 24-25)

**1962 Northeast Scotland** Ythan Estuary, 3rd to 4th May (A G Gordon, W E Pool) (*British Birds* 56: 399; *Scottish Birds* 2: 246)

**1966 Fife** Elie Bay, 21st April (E Hutchison, J J C Hardey) (*Scottish Birds* 4: 226)

**1974 Angus & Dundee** mouth of Craigmill Burn, Carnoustie, 8th September (T M Clegg) (*Scottish Birds* 8: 424)

**1975 Moray & Nairn** Culbin Bar, 12th June (R H Dennis, P Conder) (*Scottish Birds* 9: 197)

**1981 Northeast Scotland** Ythan Estuary, ♀, 10th to 14th May (K B Shepherd *et al*) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1981: 26)

**1984 Northeast Scotland** Rattray, 30th April (T W Marshall) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1984: 24)

**1985 Lothian** Aberlady Bay, m, 5th to 6th April (P R Gordon *et al*) (*Scottish Birds* 14: 103)

**1985 Fife** Eden Estuary, 22nd April (B A Combes) (*Scottish Birds* 14: 103)

**1993 Lothian** Tynninghame, m, 1st to 3rd May (M & Mrs B D Griffin, I J Andrews *et al*) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1993: 24)

**1994 Highland** Brora, Sutherland, m, 27th May (F Western, A Vittery, A Mainwood) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1994: 27)

**1998 Lothian** Tynninghame, m, 25th April (M Griffin *et al*) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1998: 43)

**1999 Lothian** Musselburgh, f, 3rd May (D Allan *et al*) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1999: 50)

#### **Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii* (4, 13)**

**1979 Orkney** Sandside Bay, Deerness, 9th to 16th June (M Andrews, S W Holmes, D Lea *et al*) (*British Birds* 74: 467)

**1982 Lothian** Aberlady Bay, 24th June (A Brown, P R Gordon *et al*) (*British Birds* 76: 492; *Scottish Birds* 14: 457; *Lothian Bird Report* 1982: 63-64)

**1991 Northeast Scotland** Don Estuary, adult or first-summer, 18th to 19th August (D J Bain, K D Shaw, G Smith *et al*) (*British Birds* 85: 525)

**1999 Lothian** Tynninghame, m, 6th to 7th June (M Griffin, C Scott *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 529; *Birding World* 12: 236-237; *Lothian Bird Report* 1999: 125-126; *Birding Scotland* 2: 135-137)

#### **Caspian Plover *Charadrius asiaticus* (2, 5)**

**1988 Lothian** Aberlady, adult, 12th to 13th July (J Busby, P R Gordon, B D & M Griffin *et al*) (*British Birds* 82: 522; *Lothian Bird Report* 1988: 87-88)

**1996 Shetland** Skelberry, f, 3rd to 4th June (H R Harrop, M Heubeck, I S Robertson *et al*) (*British Birds* 90: 469; *Shetland Bird Report* 1996: 82-83; *Birding World* 9: 219-220)

#### **Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva* (11, 45)**

**1976 Lothian** Aberlady Bay, adult, 10th to 16th July (D J Bates *et al*) (*British Birds* 71: 499)

**1977 Lothian** Aberlady Bay, adult, 9th July (A Brown, G L Sandeman, W Thom) (*British Birds* 71: 499)

**1988 Shetland** Uyeasound, Unst, adult, 5th to 13th November (P M & Mrs J A Ellis *et al*) (*British Birds* 82: 522)

**1991 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, adult, 14th July to 9th August (P J Donnelly, M Gray, E R Meek *et al*) (*British Birds* 85: 525)

**1992 Fair Isle** adult, 2nd to 3rd July (N J Riddiford, Dr R Riddington *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 477)

**1992 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, adult, 1st to 3rd August (P J Donnelly, D Jackson, K A Wilson *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 477)

**1995 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, adult, 16th to 21st September (P J Donnelly *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 498)

**1996 Orkney** Stronsay, juvenile to first-winter, 5th to 10th October (J F Holloway *et al*) (*British Birds* 90: 470)

**1998 Shetland** Fetlar, adult, 10th July (J & T G Davies) (*British Birds* 92: 572; *Shetland Bird Report* 1998: 91)

**2000 Fair Isle** juvenile, 2nd to 12th October, possibly since 28th September (A J Bull, D N Shaw *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 469)

**2000 Argyll** Vaul, Tiree, adult, 12th October (A J Leitch) (*British Birds* 94: 469)

[1887 Orkney Near Loch of Stenness, Mainland, shot, November]

Saunders (1899, p. 549) says "In 'The Field' of December 10th 1887 Mr Millais stated that on November 26th he received from Stennis in Orkney, in the flesh, one [Lesser Golden Plover] of the Asiatic race." Baxter and Rintoul (1953, p. 594) quote from *Field* (vol. 70, p. 907, 10 Dec 1887) that one was "shot near the Loch of Stennis [=Stenness, Mainland] in Orkney, by a boatman, in November 1887, and sent to [J. G.] Millais in the flesh." Accepted by Witherby *et al* (1938-41) and BOU (1971).

In November 1995, the BBRC report showed that the three previously accepted pre-1958 records (including the one on Orkney in 1887) were no longer accepted. It also stated that the Aberlady record was the first for Britain – a 1975 East Yorkshire record was later rejected. In 2000 BBRC Report, the 3 old records reappeared.

#### **Sociable Lapwing *Vanellus gregaria* (3, 42)**

**1926 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, first-winter ♀, shot, 3rd November (*Scottish Naturalist* 1927: 127)

**1949 Orkney** Isbister, Rendall, early December (*Scottish Birds* 5: 468)

**1969 Orkney** Carrick, Eday, for about a week around 15th January (J S Byres) (*British Birds* 63: 275; *Scottish Birds* 5: 467)

#### **Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris* (1, 2)**

**1989 Shetland** Scatness and Pool of Virkie, adult, 15th September (P M Ellis, P V Harvey *et al*) (*British Birds* 84: 469, 85: 426-429)

#### **Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla* (17\*, 114)**

**1992 Fair Isle** 13th to 15th May (P V Harvey, S C Votier *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 478; *Scottish Birds* 16: 277-279)

**1993 Orkney** Stronsay, 7th to 8th June (J F Holloway, M & Mrs L Johnson, Miss J Maples) (*British Birds* 87: 525; *Scottish Birds* 17: 173)

**1996 Shetland** Pool of Virkie and Scatness, juvenile, 11th to 22nd September (A Brown, H R Harrop, A McCall *et al*) (*British Birds* 90: 471; *Shetland Bird Report* 1996: 83)

**1997 Orkney** Deerness, adult, 25th July (K E Hague) (*British Birds* 91: 473)

**1999 Outer Hebrides** Loch Paible, North Uist, juvenile, 4th September (B Rabbitts) (*British Birds* 93: 530-531)

**1999 Argyll** Gott Bay, Tiree, juvenile, 6th, 9th to 10th September (A J Leitch, M Williamson); adult, 9th to 10th September (A J Leitch) (*British Birds* 93: 530-531)

**1999 Argyll** Loch Gruinart, Islay, juvenile, 9th to 11th September; adult, 10th September (Dr T ap Rheinallt, A J Whitehouse *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 530-531)

**1999 Outer Hebrides** Balgarva area, South Uist, two adults, 10th to 11th September; third adult, 11th September; juvenile, 10th to 23rd September; second juvenile, 11th to 12th, 19th September (B Rabbitts, A Stevenson *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 530-531)

**1999 Dumfries & Galloway** Port Logan, juvenile, 18th to 23rd September (B Orr *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 470)

**1999 Outer Hebrides** Loch Paible, North Uist, juvenile, 19th September (the late A D Barter, J K Higginson, S Turner); second juvenile, 21st September (the late A D Barter, B Rabbitts *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 530-531)

#### **Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri* (4, 9)**

**1956 Fair Isle** trapped, 27th May to 3rd June (*British Birds* 56: 55-58)

**1988 Shetland** Pool of Virkie, juvenile, 25th September (P M Ellis, J D Okill, G W Petrie *et al*) (*British Birds* 83: 461; *Birding Scotland* 1: 130-136)

**1997 Lothian** Musselburgh, first-summer or adult, 9th to 25th August, probably since 25th July (I J Andrews *et al*) (*British Birds* 91: 474; *Birding World* 10: 302-304; *Lothian Bird Report* 1997: 103-106)

**1998 Orkney** Deerness, juvenile, 28th September to 3rd October (K E Hague *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 572; *Birding Scotland* 2: 78)

#### **Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis* (2, 6)**

**1994 Fair Isle** juvenile, recently dead, 31st August (Dr R Riddington, J A Stout *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 512; *Birding World* 7: 355-358), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1994.127)

**2000 Shetland** Pool of Virkie, adult, 18th to 21st July (Dr R Riddington *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 470; *Shetland Bird Report* 2000: 93; *Birding Scotland* 3: 160-161)

#### **Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* (3, 38)**

**1955 Shetland** Pool of Virkie, ♀, shot, 14th August (*Scottish Naturalist* 1957: 170), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1956.8.2)

**1965 Clyde** Cadder, near Lenzie, Lanarkshire, 11th to 14th September (J M S Arnott, W M M Eddie, D J Norden) (*British Birds* 60: 354; *Scottish Birds* 4: 504-506)

**1988 Northeast Scotland** Cove, near Aberdeen, adult, 31st July to 4th August (J McKee, K D Shaw, J L Swallow *et al*) (*British Birds* 82: 523)

#### **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** *Calidris acuminata* (4, 26)

**1956 Clyde** Clyde Estuary, Hamilton, Lanarkshire, first-winter, 13th to 21st October (*Scottish Birds* 1: 94-96)

**1985 Lothian** Aberlady Bay, adult, 17th August (G Anderson, I J Andrews, P R Gordon *et al*) (*British Birds* 79: 546; *Scottish Birds* 14: 124; *Lothian Bird Report* 1985: 110-111)

**1993 Shetland** Scatness, adult, 13th to 15th September (M Mellor *et al*) (*British Birds* 87: 527; *Shetland Bird Report* 1993: 117-118)

**2000 Shetland** Scatness and Pool of Virkie, adult, 27th August to 1st September (P V Harvey, Dr R Riddington *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 471; *Shetland Bird Report* 2000: 93-94)

#### **Stilt Sandpiper** *Micropalama himantopus* (2, 28)

**1970 Highland** Dornoch Point, Sutherland, 18th April (D Macdonald, Miss V M Thom) (*British Birds* 64: 350; *Scottish Birds* 6: 280)

**1976 Shetland** Garth's Loch, Scatness, 11th to 18th September (R A Butler, D Coutts, D R Waugh *et al*) (*British Birds* 70: 421)

#### **Short-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus griseus* (1, 2)

**1999 Northeast Scotland** Rosehearty, Aberdeenshire, juvenile, 11th to 24th September (P S Crockett, I Gordon, D M Pullan, J Smith *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 472; *Birding World* 12: 364-370; *Birding Scotland* 2: 157-161)

#### **Hudsonian Godwit** *Limosa haemastica* (1, 2)

**1988 Northeast Scotland** Slains, Collieston, 26th September (Miss J Cooper, R Duncan) (*British Birds* 83: 463; *Birding Scotland* 2: 91-92)

#### **Eskimo Curlew** *Numenius borealis* (3, 7)

**1855 Northeast Scotland** Cairn Monearn, near Stonehaven, Kincardineshire, shot, 6th September (*Naturalist* 1855: 265)

**1878 Northeast Scotland** Slains, Aberdeenshire, m, shot, 28th September (*Zoologist* 1879: 135)

**1880 Northeast Scotland** Forest of Birse, Kincardineshire, adult m, shot, 21st September (*Zoologist* 1880: 485, 515)

These three Scottish records (BOU 1971) are not reviewed here on the assumption that this work is being done by BOURC.

#### **Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*

#### **North American race** *N. p. hudsonicus*, 'Hudsonian Whimbrel' (2, 5)

**1955 Fair Isle** 27th to 31st May (*British Birds* 48: 379-381)

**1974 Shetland** Out Skerries, 24th July to 8th August (Dr B Marshall, I S Robertson, J H Simpson *et al*) (*British Birds* 68: 316)

#### **Upland Sandpiper** *Bartramia longicauda* (6, 51)

**1933 Dumfries & Galloway** Ruthwell, Dumfriesshire, adult f, shot, 13th October (*British Birds* 27: 205-206), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1976.68)

**1970 Fair Isle** 5th October (R H Dennis, Dr B Marshall, S Thomson *et al*) (*British Birds* 64: 350; *Scottish Birds* 6: 445)

**1975 Fair Isle** 25th September (R A Broad, G J Jobson, P J Roberts *et al*) (*British Birds* 69: 336)

**1980 Outer Hebrides** Hirta, St Kilda, 24th April (D J R Counsell, W Wright *et al*) (*British Birds* 75: 503)

**1993 Shetland** Foula, juvenile, 22nd September to 6th October, found dead 18th November (M J McKee, G W Petrie, Mrs F Ratter *et al*) (*British Birds* 87: 527; *Shetland Bird Report* 1993: 116-117)

**1996 Shetland** Foula, 2nd September (A R Mainwood); presumed same, 14th to 15th (M J McKee, A R Mainwood) (*British Birds* 90: 478)

#### **Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis* (8, 116)

**1966 Caithness** Dunnet Bay, 3rd to 5th September (K Goodchild, Dr P McMorrin, D M Stark *et al*) (*British Birds* 60: 318, *Scottish Birds* 4: 557)

**1969 Shetland** Strand Loch, Gott, 4th to 6th May (D Coutts, R Duthie) (*British Birds* 63: 277; *Scottish Birds* 6: 42, 201)

**1979 Ayrshire** Doonfoot, 29th July (I H Leach) (*British Birds* 73: 509)

**1979 Orkney** Bridesness Loch, North Ronaldsay, 23rd August (J W A Cutt) (*British Birds* 73: 509)

**1984 Moray & Nairn** Lossiemouth, Moray, 20th to 23rd April (R H Dennis, N Elkins, C Gervaise *et al*) (*British Birds* 78: 550)

**1990 Northeast Scotland** Cotehill Loch, 15th to 16th May (C Barton, A G Clarke *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 481)

**1994 Outer Hebrides** Loch Sandaray, North Uist, adult, 8th to 9th October (J & P R Boyer, T J Dix) (*British Birds* 90: 479)

**1997 Lothian** Musselburgh, adult, 18th to 19th May (B Robertson, G Thompson *et al*) (*British Birds* 91: 476; *Lothian Bird Report* 1997: 100-101)

#### **Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca* (6, 37)

**1953 Shetland** Boddam, Dumrossness, 26th to 27th May (Venables & Venables 1955)

**1957 Northeast Scotland** Ythan Estuary, immature male moulting into winter plumage, 25th October, found dead later same day (*Scottish Birds* 1: 94)

**1978 Outer Hebrides** Peninerine, South Uist, 14th August (Dr C J Spray, D Walker) (*British Birds* 72: 524)

**1985 Highland** Loch Sligachan, Skye, 19th May (W T Appleyard) (*British Birds* 79: 550)

**1985 Argyll** Glenegedale, Islay, 25th October (Dr A A & I Clark) (*British Birds* 81: 559)

**1999 Outer Hebrides** Loch Mór, Benbecula, 2nd November to at least 9th March 2000 (S Murray, B Rabbits *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 534; *Birding Scotland* 3: 35), last noted Loch Bail'Fhionnlaidh, 7th May

#### **Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria* (3, 30)

**Pre-1869 Clyde** Banks of Clyde, Lanarkshire, shot, a some years previous to 1869 (*Ibis* 1870: 291-292)

**1990 Outer Hebrides** Malaclete, North Uist, juvenile, 20th October (T J Dix, W D Oldham) (*British Birds* 84: 472)

**1992 Fair Isle** juvenile, 13th to 15th September (P V Harvey, Dr R Riddington *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 484; *Scottish Birds* 17: 62)

#### **Pre-1869 Clyde**

Mr Robert Gray describes this bird in a letter to the B.O.U. dated 4th February 1870 (*Ibis*, New Series, 1870, vi, pp. 291-292). He says the bird was "shot some years ago by the late William Gordon, of Airdrie, somewhere on the banks of the Clyde, on the higher grounds of Lanarkshire. This bird remained in Mr Gordon's hands until his death in August last [1869]. He had often referred to it as a species which he could not make out, but had never shown it to any qualified to give an opinion. His entire collection was brought to Glasgow and submitted to me early in September [1869], but was found to contain nothing of consequence except this Sandpiper and a Brown Snipe [dowitcher sp.] in winter plumage, killed about the same time and place, which he had been unable to identify." Gray (1871, pp. 295-296) gives the same information, adding "As he left no notes attached to any specimens, the exact date of its occurrence, with other particulars which might have been of interest cannot now be ascertained." Accepted by BOU (1971) as "before 1870."

Dalgleish (1880) says "In Hunterian Mus., Glasgow."

#### **Terek Sandpiper** *Xenus cinereus* (9, 58)

**1975 Shetland** Whalsay, 20th to 21st June (W Arthur, Dr B Marshall, J H Simpson *et al*) (*British Birds* 69: 337; *Scottish Birds* 10: 53-55)

**1977 Caithness** Sandside Bay, Reay, 5th to 12th June (Mrs P M Collett, S Edwards, J M Gunn *et al*) (*British Birds* 71: 504)

**1987 Orkney** Loch of Tankerness, 5th to 8th June (M Gray, E R Meek *et al*) (*British Birds* 81: 560)

**1991 Shetland** Mid Yell Voe, Yell, m, song heard, 25th May (G W Allison *et al*) (*British Birds* 85: 527)

**1995 Shetland** Boddam, 11th to 13th June (I S Robertson *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 503)

**1996 Clyde** Clyde Estuary, Dumbarton, 22nd to 30th September (I P Gibson *et al*) (*British Birds* 90: 479)

**1997 Northeast Scotland** Loch of Strathbeg, 9th May (S Bowie, A Burnett, C Shaw) (*British Birds* 91: 477)

**1998 Clyde** Ardmore Point, at least 31st October (J Bell, J Duncan) (*British Birds* 92: 578)

**1998 Moray & Nairn** Findhorn Bay, 29th to 31st October (D M Pullan *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 578)

#### **Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularia* (16\*, 131)

**1971 Lothian** Tynninghame, 30th October (L L J Vick) (*British Birds* 65: 332; *Scottish Birds* 7: 204-205)

- 1975 Highland** Skye, pair with nest and four eggs, unsuccessful, 15th June to 3rd July (*British Birds* 69: 288-292; *Birding Scotland* 2: 10-12)
- 1976 Lothian** North Berwick, 30th May (J Fenton) (*British Birds* 70: 421)
- 1982 Outer Hebrides** Hirta, St Kilda, 22nd to 23rd May (A Bennett, J J Gordon) (*British Birds* 76: 498)
- 1983 Orkney** Sule Skerry, adult, 30th July to 4th August (T Bagworth, G Barker, A Lowe) (*British Birds* 79: 550)
- 1983 Outer Hebrides** Peninerine, South Uist, 31st July to 1st August (Miss S Alliez, M J Crosby) (*British Birds* 77: 527)
- 1984 Argyll** Loch Indaal, Islay, 5th June (A McNeil) (*British Birds* 78: 551)
- 1986 Fair Isle** 20th May (R G Adam, N J Riddiford, A Whittaker *et al*) (*British Birds* 80: 540)
- 1991 Clyde** Balgray Reservoir, Barhead, 27th September to 1st October (J Coyle, J McOwat, J & Mrs V Wilson *et al*) (*British Birds* 85: 528)
- 1991 Shetland** Twageos, Lerwick, adult, 22nd to 26th September (D Coutts, D Suddaby *et al*) (*British Birds* 85: 528)
- 1992 Perth & Kinross** Annat, Loch Rannoch, 30th April to 26th May (A A Murray, W Thompson, T Vorsterman *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 484)
- 1996 Shetland** Fetlar, 17th to 18th May (J & T G Davies *et al*) (*British Birds* 90: 481)
- 1998 Shetland** Wester Water, Mainland, 30th June (M Mellor); same, Punds Water, 5th July (Dr R Riddington) (*British Birds* 92: 578, 93: 535; *Shetland Bird Report* 1998: 91-92)
- 1999 Moray & Nairn** Loch Spynie, adult, 25th May (D M Pullan *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 535)

#### [Early 1800s Angus & Dundee]

Drummond Hay (1886) says that "mention is also made of this bird by the late Mr. Mollison, in the Statistical Account of the parish of Craigo, near Montrose." Macgillivray (1852, iv, p. 358) also makes mention of this.

Rev James Brewster in the Statistical Account for the Parish of Craig, written in 1835, mentions "spotted sandpiper" amongst the "vast variety of aquatic birds frequent the basin [the Montrose Basin] in the South-esk, which forms the boundary of the parish on the north-west..." given to him by Mr Thomas Molison of Montrose.

#### [Pre-1840 Caithness]

Shearer & Osborne (1862) mention that the Spotted Sandpiper was "rare" in Caithness before 1840. But, in a footnote, Gray (1871, p. 299) says he "learned from J.H. Gurney, Jun., that Mr Sinclair had mistaken some other bird for the Spotted Sandpiper."

Dalglish says "proved to be a Redshank" also ref Gurney (*Rambles of a Naturalist* p 255) [Reference not checked by IJA]

#### [Pre-1844 Shetland]

Thomas Edmonston says "I have twice observed it in winter" (*Zoologist* 1844, i, p. 462). Saxby (1871, p. 195-196) says "The mistake is easily explained. He was in the habit of hearing the term 'Spotted Sandpipers' applied to the Dunlins, which, as well all know, have the breast spotted with black at certain seasons of the year."

#### [1867 Northeast Scotland]

Gray (1871, pp. 299-300) records "two specimens – a male and a female – were left at the Aberdeen Museum in August, 1867, in the absence of Mr Mitchell, who up to the present moment does not know by whom the birds were presented, or where they were shot. Both were in the flesh and had not been long dead ... The female is now in Mr Angus' cabinet; the other has been kindly presented to me by Mr Mitchell, and is now in my own collection." Regrettably, it is not known by whom or when the specimens were shot, or whether they were collected in Aberdeenshire or even Scotland. Dr R. Gray considered the record authentic (and it is listed by Harting (1901, p. 247)), but it has not been included by Witherby *et al* (1938-41) or Baxter & Rintoul (1953). The male is now at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1898.35.3).

### Grey-tailed Tattler *Heteroscelus brevipes* (1, 2)

- 1994 Moray & Nairn** Burghead, Moray, juvenile, 27th November to 27th December (P T Hirst, J M Stenning *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 517; *Birding World* 7: 469-472)

### Franklin's Gull *Larus pipixcan* (8, 43)

- 1980 Ayrshire** Bogside, Irvine, probably first-summer, 2nd to 6th July (R G Cadlow, D L Clugston *et al*) (*British Birds* 74: 474; *Scottish Birds* 12: 258-259)
- 1981 Highland** Isle of Canna, Inner Hebrides, second-summer, 5th to 10th July, found moribund 11th (R L Swann *et al*) (*British Birds* 75: 506), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1981.143)
- 1985 Outer Hebrides** North Boisdale, South Uist, adult, 6th to 14th August (T J Stowe, M Tonkin *et al*) (*British Birds* 79: 552)
- 1990 Shetland** Loch of Spiggie and Loch of Hillwell, second-winter/second-summer, 10th to 11th May (P M Ellis, Dr C F Mackenzie *et al*) (*British Birds* 84: 474)
- 1991 Shetland** Skellister, South Nesting, adult, 27th May (N & Mrs E K McMahon) (*British Birds* 85: 529)
- 1992 Lothian** Musselburgh, first-summer, 3rd to 4th June (T Gillies, K Gillon, Dr L L J Vick *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 485; *Lothian Bird Report* 1992: 113-114)
- 1996 Shetland** Foula, first-summer, 6th to 7th July (R W Furness, A R Mainwood *et al*) (*British Birds* 90: 484)

- 1998 Shetland** Hillwell, first-summer, 15th May (M Mellor *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 579)

### Bonaparte's Gull *Larus philadelphia* (15, 125)

- 1850 Clyde** Loch Lomond, Dumbartonshire, adult, shot, end of April (*Zoologist* 1851: 3117-3118)
- 1967 Highland** Oldshoremore, near Kinlochbervie, Sutherland, 17th August (D T & Mrs P Parkin) (*British Birds* 61: 344; *Scottish Birds* 5: 175)
- 1972 Fife** Luthrie, Cupar, immature, 26th to 27th February (P N J Clark, A Grieve, D W Oliver) (*British Birds* 66: 343; *Scottish Birds* 7: 258)
- 1973 Highland** Scourie, Sutherland, first-summer, 7th June (R W Byrne, C J Mackenzie-Grieve) (*British Birds* 67: 326; *Scottish Birds* 8: 76)
- 1975 Argyll** Loch Indaal, Islay, adult, 26th to 27th June (K & Mrs A Verrall) (*British Birds* 69: 340)
- 1975 Argyll** Claggain Bay, Islay, adult, 12th September (possibly same as above) (L Catlin, K Verral) (*British Birds* 69: 340)
- 1982 Shetland** Fetlar, adult, 25th June to 11th July (J N Dymond, M J Ware *et al*) (*British Birds* 76: 499)
- 1986 Highland** Fort William, first-summer, 30th May (A J L Smith *et al*) (*British Birds* 80: 541)
- 1987 Shetland** Loch of Spiggie, first-summer, 23rd May (J N Dymond) (*British Birds* 81: 562)
- 1989 Outer Hebrides** Ardivachar, South Uist, first-summer, 27th August (T J Dix) (*British Birds* 83: 466)
- 1990 Highland** Strath Bay, Gairloch, adult, 31st July to 1st August (D M Pullan, I T Rowlands *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 489)
- 1997 Fife** Kingsbarns Beach and Cambo Sands area, adult, 18th August to 12th September (R A Lambert, Dr J Wilson *et al*) (*British Birds* 91: 479)
- 1998 Angus & Dundee** Broughty Ferry, first-winter, 26th to at least 30th December (S R Green) (*British Birds* 92: 580)
- 1998 Lothian** Musselburgh, first-summer, 17th August (B A Hickman) and 9th September (A Brown) (*British Birds* 92: 580; *Lothian Bird Report* 1998: 124)
- 2000 Angus & Dundee** Lunan Bay, adult, 2nd October (S R Green, R McCurley *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 477)
- 1850 Clyde**

George H. Leith says (*Zoologist*, 1851, ix, pp. 3117-3118) "I take the liberty of sending the portrait of a gull, to ask if you can determine the species. The picture is too large, in breadth especially, giving the idea of a much larger bird; but as far as the colouring is concerned, it is correct. The principle points in which it differs from the common black-headed gull (*Larus ridibundus*) are these:- the head in the former is a slaty black, in the common bird brown; the bill is black, instead of reddish brown; the legs are a bright red, like a tern's, in the common bird they are the same as the bill; and the ends of the quills are marked in quite a different way; the whole bird is smaller, and the legs shorter. I shot it about the end of April, 1850, on the shore of Lochlomond, in Dumbartonshire." An editorial comment, by E. Njerman, adds "Mr Yarrell ... pronounces it to be L. Bonaparti."

Yarrell & Saunders (1884, iii, p. 585) says "As regards the occurrence of Bonaparte's Gull in Scotland, there is not the slightest doubt. About the end of April, 1850, Sir George H. Leith-Buchanan, Bart., shot a fine adult specimen, a portrait of which was sent to the Author [Yarrell], and clearly identified; but as some scepticism had recently been expressed in a standard work on ornithology [not sure which one – IJA], Sir George sent the bird to the Editor [Saunders], who exhibited it before a meeting of the Zoological Society [of London] on the 4th of March 1884."

#### [1934 & 1937 Shetland]

Venables & Venables (1955) put the following in square brackets: singles seen Whalsay 28th April 1934 and 4th March 1937.

### Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*

#### Mediterranean race *L. a. michahellis*, 'Western Yellow-legged Gull' (13\*, -)

- 1989 Orkney** Kirkwall, adult, 20th April (M Gray, E Meek, N Odin)
- 1991 Ayrshire** Newton shore, adult, 6th January to 12th July; same 3rd April to 14th May 1994 (and apparently also 1992 and 1993); same, Doonfoot 2nd February 1995 and intermittently Newton shore to 6th May (R H Hogg *et al*)
- 1997 Ayrshire** Doonfoot, adult, 16th April (A A Murray)
- 1997 Ayrshire** Doonfoot, two adults, 28th July (A Stevenson)
- 1998 Argyll** Soa Point, Tiree, adult, 23rd February (A Hachenberg, A J Leitch)
- 1998 Ayrshire** Blairbowie, adult, 20th April; possibly same, Martnaham Loch 8th May (R H Hogg, D Given)
- 1998 Northeast Scotland** Ugie estuary, adult, 15th August (P A A Baxter)
- 1999 Northeast Scotland** Ythan estuary, adult, 28th June (C Gibbons)
- 1999 Ayrshire** Barassie, adult, 17th August (R H Hogg)
- 1999 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, adult, 2nd September (P Brown, R M Brown, R McGregor)
- 2000 Fife** Tayport, 3rd-summer/4th-winter, 11th August (A W Lauder, K D Shaw)
- 2000 Clyde** Strathelyde Country Park, adult, 9th to 13th December (S C Votier, C McNerny *et al*)

All records are considered to belong to the race *michahellis*, with the proviso that *atlantis* has not been fully ruled out. Six records of claimed 'Caspian Gull' *L. a. cachinnans* have been sent to BBRC for assessment.

#### North American race *L. a. smithsonianus*, 'American Herring Gull' (1, 37)

**1997 Sea area Rockall** c185 km off St Kilda, 57° 43' N 12° 24' W, juvenile/first-winter, 11th September (R W White) (*British Birds* 91: 479; *Birding Scotland* 1: 42-44)

#### Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica* (8, 271)

**1913 Orkney** Pentland Skerries, m, exhausted, 7th May (*Scottish Naturalist* 1913: 154), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1913.14)

**1971 Fair Isle** 24th to 29th May (R A Broad, Miss S Girling, I S Robertson *et al*) (*British Birds* 65: 337)

**1977 Upper Forth** Bo'ness, (then) West Lothian, 21st May (R Bernard) (*British Birds* 71: 508)

**1987 Outer Hebrides** Drimsdale, South Uist, 3rd to 6th May (T J Dix, Dr A Hudson, D B Jackson *et al*) (*British Birds* 81: 566)

**1990 Dumfries & Galloway** Loch Ryan, first-winter, 12th October (B W Litherland) (*British Birds* 86: 490)

**1992 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, 27th May (M Gray) (*British Birds* 86: 490)

**1995 Shetland** Pool of Virkie, 25th June (A D & J Clifton, G Robertson) (*British Birds* 89: 506; *Shetland Bird Report* 1995: 93)

**2000 Outer Hebrides** Loch Bee, South Uist, 14th to 16th July (J K, K A & K D Shaw *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 478; *Birding Scotland* 3: 156-157)

[1938 Shetland]

Venables & Venables (1955) put the following in square brackets: one seen Skaw, Whalsay on 21st September 1938.

#### Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia* (20\*, 266)

**1968 Clyde** Endrick Mouth, Loch Lomond, Dumbartonshire, 7th August (M Forrester) (*British Birds* 62: 473, *Scottish Birds* 5: 390)

**1971 Lothian** Aberlady Bay, 20th June (D G Andrew, A D K Ramsay) (*British Birds* 65: 337; *Scottish Birds* 7: 54)

**1971 Lothian** Aberlady Bay, two, 1st July (A D K Ramsay) (*British Birds* 65: 337; *Scottish Birds* 7: 54)

**1974 Northeast Scotland** Loch of Strathbeg, Aberdeenshire, 13th August (J Dunbar) (*British Birds* 68: 321)

**1975 Northeast Scotland** Ythan Estuary, Aberdeenshire, 25th June (A H Cuthbert) (*British Birds* 69: 342)

**1976 Northeast Scotland** Ythan Estuary, Aberdeenshire, 25th July (P M Ellis, C J Spray, L Steele) (*British Birds* 71: 508)

**1976 Clyde** Endrick Mouth, Dumbartonshire, 4th July (K Francis) (*British Birds* 71: 508)

**1976 Shetland** Yell, found long dead on shoreline, early August, ringed as nestling near Stockholm, Sweden, 18th June 1975 (per BTO Ringing Office and J Ohlsson) (*British Birds* 71: 508)

**1978 Fair Isle** 29th May (P J Ewins) (*British Birds* 72: 527)

**1979 Shetland** West Voe, Sumburgh, 8th October (I G & Mrs C D Davidson) (*British Birds* 73: 513)

**1981 Argyll** Off Ardpatrik Point, Sound of Gigha, 6th June (D L & Mrs R Z Clugston) (*British Birds* 75: 510)

**1981 Lothian** Hound Point, Edinburgh, 3rd July (A Stewart) (*British Birds* 75: 510)

**1982 Dumfries & Galloway** Broom Point, Loch Ken, Kirkcudbrightshire<sup>1</sup>, 8th to 10th July (R G Hawley, Miss J Howie) (*British Birds* 76: 501) [<sup>1</sup> location as given in *Scottish Bird Report* 1982, p. 30]

**1982 Outer Hebrides** Sound of Barra, 9th June (A Strand) (*British Birds* 76: 501)

**1985 Fife** Anstruther, 8th September (C & Mrs A-M Smout) (*British Birds* 79: 556)

**1987 Fair Isle** 29th May (S J Aspinall) (*British Birds* 81: 566)

**1990 Ayrshire** Martnaham Loch, Kerse Loch and Doonfoot, 4th to 6th August (D Given, B Orr, J & J Woods *et al*) (*British Birds* 84: 476)

**1998 Orkney** Papa Westray, 16th April (S D Wellock) (*British Birds* 92: 583)

**1999 Caithness** Brough, 1st June (J Smith *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 538)

#### Royal Tern *Sterna maxima* (1, 6)

**1999 Lothian** Thorntonloch, 9th August (I J Andrews); same Musselburgh, 9th (D Allen *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 538; *Birding Scotland* 2: 165-167; *Lothian Bird Report* 1999: 127-129)

#### Lesser Crested Tern *Sterna bengalensis* (2, 8)

**1987 Lothian** Musselburgh, adult, 21st to 22nd August (I J Andrews, M R Leven *et al*) (*British Birds* 81: 567; *Lothian Bird Report* 1987: 79); presumed same, Musselburgh, 7th to 16th August 1989 (Dr S R D & Mrs E S da Prato) (*British Birds* 83: 468); presumed same, **Borders** St Abbs Head, 16th May 1993 (M Collinson, J F McConnell, R D Murray) (*British Birds* 87: 533)

**1989 Lothian** Musselburgh, juvenile hybrid x Sandwich Tern *S. sandvicensis*, 8th to 12th, 25th August (C C McGuigan, J G Steele *et al*); same, Aberlady Bay, 2nd September (P R Gordon) (*British Birds* 83: 468; *Lothian Bird Report* 1989: 95-96)

#### Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri* (2, 30)

**1985 Lothian** Musselburgh and Granton Harbour, Edinburgh, 6th October to 9th November (I J Andrews, P R Gordon, Dr L L J Vick *et al*) (*British Birds* 79: 557; *Scottish Birds* 14: 126; *Lothian Bird Report* 1985: 111-113)

**1994 Lothian** Musselburgh area (on coast from Portobello, Edinburgh to Aberlady Bay, but mainly Musselburgh), first-winter, 16th December to 10 April 1995 (C N Davison, K Gillon *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 522); presumed same, **Northeast Scotland**, Ythan Estuary, first-summer, 3rd May to 1st August 1995 (P Doyle, R McGregor *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 507)

#### Bridled Tern *Sterna anaethetus* (4, 21)

**1979 Orkney** Stromness, first-summer, 6th to 7th August (J Hamilton) (*British Birds* 73: 513)

**1988 Northeast Scotland** Sands of Forvie, 2nd August (A J M Smith) (*British Birds* 83: 468)

**1993 Highland** The Perches, Eigg, 21st July (J Chester) (*British Birds* 87: 533)

**1994 Argyll** Tiree, 30th June to 9th July (G Evans *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 507)

#### Sooty Tern *Sterna fuscata* (3, 26)

**1939 Upper Forth** Myatt Hill, near Denny, Stirlingshire, moulting into second-winter, found dead, end of May (*British Birds* 33: 197-198), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1939.45)

**1954 Orkney** Hill of Isbister, Rendall, 22nd April (*Scottish Naturalist* 1954: 190-191)

**1989 Fife** Isle of May, 14th July (Dr M P Harris, S J Holloway, R Proctor) (*British Birds* 91: 495; *Birding Scotland* 2: 126-128)

#### Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus* (1, 129)

**1894 Dumfries & Galloway** Carse Loch of Friars' Carse, Nithsdale, Dumfries-shire, adult male, shot, 29th May (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1894: 179-181), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1895.148)

#### 1894 Dumfries & Galloway

Robert Service of Maxwelltown (*Annals of Scottish Natural History*, 1894, p. 179-181) says "On the 30th May [1894] I was most agreeably surprised when Mr. Hugh McKay taxidermist in Dumfries, called upon me with a specimen in the flesh of the Whiskered Tern (*Hydrochelidon hybrida*, Pallas) which had just been sent to him for preservation. It had been shot on the previous day by Mr. John Kirkpatrick, gamekeeper, near the Carse Loch of Friars Carse [NX9284], a place in Nithsdale, some six miles above Dumfries... proved the bird to be a male."

This bird is now [2001] a mounted specimen at the National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1895.148).

#### Little Auk *Alle alle*

#### Franz Josef Land race, *A. a. polaris* (3+, -)

The following specimens are attributed to *polaris* on the basis of wing lengths:

**1954 Shetland** Lerwick, f, 5th January, now at Bolton Museum (*Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club* 76: 107; *Ibis* 133: 439)

**1956 Shetland** Lerwick, f, 19th January, now at Bolton Museum (*Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club* 76: 107; *Ibis* 133: 439)

**1990 Northeast Scotland** Between Blackwater and Rattray Head, 29th April (*Scottish Birds* 5: 105; *Ibis* 133: 439)

**1991 Orkney** several birds found dead, January (*Scottish Bird Report* 1991: 46)

**1997 Orkney** Orphir, found dead, December (*Scottish Bird Report* 1997: 48)

#### [1912 Lothian/Fife]

Firth of Forth, m, 21st January 1912, Meinerthagen specimen now in the Natural History Museum (*Ibis* 133: 439), but no longer acceptable (*Ibis* 135: 495)

NB This subspecies is not included in Witherby (1939-41) or BOU (1971).

#### 1955/56 Shetland

Scot Nat 69: 2 "Several little auks sent from Shetland in the winter of 1955-56 to Bolton Museum were there identified by A Hazelwood as belonging to this race (FIBO Bull 3: 77; Bull BOC 76: 107), their measurements do not, however, confirm this identification." This was described in the 'new to Scotland' section, and therefore not on the Scottish List as a result.

**1966 Shetland** Norwick, Unst, found long dead, December (F J Walker) (*Scottish Birds* 5: 105). Not listed by BOURC (Ibis 133: 439).

#### [1990 Shetland]

In Shetland's largest wreck, in Dec 1990, a sample of 57 were intermediate between published biometrics of *alle* and *polaris*. However, distinctions between these races may be less clear-cut than previously thought and the differences may be clinal (*Birds of Shetland* draft, 2001)

#### **Oriental Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia orientalis* (1, 5)

**1974 Fair Isle** first-year, 31st October to 1st November (G J Barnes, R A Broad) (*British Birds* 68: 322; *Scottish Birds* 10: 55-56)

#### **Mourning Dove** *Zenaida macroura* (1, 2)

**1999 Outer Hebrides** Carinish, North Uist, first-winter, 13th to 15th November (B J Hill, M McPhail, B Rabbitts *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 539; *Birding World* 12: 453; *Birding Scotland* 3: 40-41)

#### **Great Spotted Cuckoo** *Clamator glandarius* (1, 42)

**1959 Orkney** Rendall, immature, 14th to 30th August (E Balfour) (*British Birds* 53: 421; *Scottish Birds* 1: 152)

#### **Black-billed Cuckoo** *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus* (3, 13)

**1950 Argyll** Near Southend, Kintyre, first-winter, 6th November, found dead 8th (*Scottish Naturalist* 1951: 131)

**1953 Shetland** Foula, picked up exhausted, 11th October, died 12th, specimen at British Museum (Natural History) (*Scottish Naturalist* 65: 196)

**1989 Sea area Forties** 'Maureen' oil platform, 58°08'N 01°42'E, found exhausted 30th September, taken into care, released 1st October (E Cox, B StJ Richards, M Wildon *et al*) (*British Birds* 83: 470)

#### **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** *Coccyzus americanus* (10, 64)

**1904 Argyll** Colonsay, picked up dead, 6th November (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1910: 184)

**1936 Orkney** Doverhouse, Birsay, Mainland, obtained, 22nd October, specimen at Stromness Museum (*Scottish Naturalist* 1937: 46)

**1952 Shetland** Exnaboe, Mainland, immature f, picked up dying, 1st November (*Scottish Naturalist* 1955: 102), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1953.1.8)

**1953 Angus & Dundee** Near Old Montrose, Angus, 11th October (*British Birds* 47: 172-173)

**1953 Highland** Isle of Muck, Inverness-shire, immature m, found dead, 3rd October (*British Birds* 47: 172), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1953.41)

**1953 Moray & Nairn** Caskieben, Nairn, immature f, picked up alive, died later, 5th October (*British Birds* 47: 172), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1953.42)

**1956 Orkney** Bryameadow Farm, Sandwick, Mainland, m, found exhausted, 12th October (*Scottish Birds* 6: 336), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1956.68) † (per National Museums of Scotland)

**1969 Argyll** Barcaldine, Connel, found dying, last week of September (H Insley, D McDonald) (*British Birds* 65: 349)

**1970 Caithness** Thurso, f, picked up dying, 9th November (Dr P McMorran, per I H J Lyster) (*British Birds* 64: 356; *Scottish Birds* 6: 335), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1983.40)

**1991 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, freshly dead, 25th September (A E Duncan, C Hill, L A Lamont *et al*) (*British Birds* 85: 532)

#### **Barn Owl** *Tyto alba*

#### **Continental European race** *T. a. guttata*, 'Dark-breasted Barn Owl' (23\*, -)

The following is a list of records compiled from the published literature. It may be that some are open to question, and re-assessment.

**1915 Shetland** Baltasound, Unst, m, caught, 5th November (*Scottish Naturalist* 1916: 76-77), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1915.145)

**1925 Orkney** Near Langskaill, Stromness, February

**1928 Orkney** Near Kirkwall, no date

**1934 Fife** Isle of May, adult f, caught, 19th December, died a few days later, specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1935.2)

**1943 Fair Isle** October to November (*British Birds* 38: 230)

**1944 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, dead, 2nd November

**1945 Shetland** Kergord, up to four (plus one *T. a. alba*), 1st to 15th December

**1945/46 Shetland** Scousburgh, killed by cat, winter

**1951 Shetland** Sumburgh, shot, 16th October, after being present for 'two to three weeks'

**1958 Shetland** Halligarth, Baltasound, Unst, 13th May

**1979 Orkney** Sanday, 22nd May

**1982 Shetland** Sandwick, 10th November, died 11th (*Scottish Bird Report* 1982: 32)

**1989 Sea area Forties** Buchan A platform, 57° 54' N 0° 02' E, 17th November, presumed same, caught, 19th, had been ringed southern Germany in June 1988

**1990 Orkney** Ness, Burray, 23rd to at least 25th October (*Scottish Bird Report* 1990: 42)

**1991 Sea area Forties** Forties field, 57° 43' N 0° 54' E, late February, taken into care 1st March and released at Kintore (Northeast Scotland) on 6th March (per A Thorpe)

**1997 Orkney** Eday, found dead, November, had been ringed Heligoland (Germany) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1997: 50)

**1997 Orkney** Stronsay, 23rd November (*Scottish Bird Report* 1997: 50)

**1998 Fife** Isle of May, 22nd April and 2-3 dates thereafter, before being found recently dead on 14th June (*Scottish Bird Report* 1998: 70; *Isle of May Bird Report* 1998), now at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 2000.125)

**1998 Northeast Scotland** Barthol Chapel, near Oldmeldrum, adult, found exhausted, 22nd September, released where found after 10 days (per A Thorpe)

**1999 Shetland** Cunningsburgh, 24th September; presumed same, Sumburgh Airport, 29th to 30th October, trapped 30th (*Birding World* 12: 454-457)

#### [1886 Northeast Scotland]

Sim (1903) "two "Danish form", one got near New Deer on 6th November, 1886

#### [1897 Northeast Scotland]

Sim (1903) "another [Danish form] on 23rd November, 1897, at Port Lethen.

#### [1896 Lothian]

Nashe (1935) gives the follow note by Mr W. Evans: "1896, April 11th - Mr Knight, bird-stuffer, Rose Street Lane, has an example of the dark form in just now, which was captured in a garden on the north side of Edinburgh." Witherby *et al* (1938-41) included this as a probable.

#### [1903 Dumfries & Galloway]

On 14th March, 1903 "a male dark phase" was found under the telegraph wires at Lochanhead Station, Solway (B&R 1953).

#### [1916 Dumfries & Galloway]

One with a dark breast was seen at Corsemalzie on 30th January and 1st February, 1916 (B&R 1953).

#### [1937 Clyde]

W. Stewart records having seen a Barn Owl with grey upper parts and a dark breast at Bothwell, Lanark on 28th March, 1937 (B&R 1953).

#### **Northern Hawk Owl** *Surnia ulula* (5, 10)

**1860/61 Shetland** Skaw, Unst, shot, winter (Saxby 1874, pp. 54-55)

**1863 Clyde** Near Maryhill, Lanarkshire, shot, some time before 29th December, *S. u. caparoch* (*Proc. Nat. Hist. Soc. Glasgow* 1: 81)

**1868 Clyde** Near Greenock, Renfrewshire, shot, some time before 20th November (*Proc. Nat. Hist. Soc. Glasgow* 1: 235-236)

**1898 Northeast Scotland** Gight, Aberdeenshire, adult f, shot, 21st November, *S. u. ulula* (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1899: 49)

**1983 Shetland** Near Lerwick, 12th to 13th September; same, Bressay, 20th to 21st September (D Coutts, A Nicol, J D & G Okill *et al*) (*British Birds* 77: 538)

#### **1860/61 Shetland**

Saxby (1874, pp. 54-55) says "in the winter of 1860-61 a specimen of this extremely rare bird was procured from Shaw, in Unst, by my friend Mr James Hay." A description followed.

The skin was reluctantly shown to Mr W.D. Crotch of Weston-super-Mare, presumably in 1861, who reported the occurrence in *Zoologist* for 1861 (p. 7706). Evans & Buckley (1899, p. 110) report "unfortunately the skin was destroyed by moths." Saxby (1874) also says that Short-eared Owls were sometimes known as 'hawk owls' on Unst.

Yarrell (4th edn) " proved to be *ulula*", and is so recorded by Saxby (1874). Witherby *et al* (1938-41) and B&R (1953) probably European *ulula* Accepted by BOU (1971) unraced.

#### 1863 Clyde

This specimen, shot near Maryhill, Lanarkshire, was exhibited by Dr Dewar at a meeting of the Natural History Society of Glasgow on 29th December 1863 (*Proc. Nat. Hist. Soc. Glasgow*, 1858-69, i, p. 81). Robert Gray, who was at this meeting, says "it was seen haunting a range of stables for some nights before it was killed" (Gray 1871, p. 64).

Dresser (*Birds of Europe*, v, pp. 310-311) "Dr. Dewar, in reply to our letter, most kindly sent up his specimen to London; and it was recognisable at a glance as the American bird." Subsequently, accepted by Witherby *et al* (1938-41), B&R (1953) and BOU (1971) as American *caparoch*.

#### 1868 Clyde

This bird was taken in the flesh to a shop of a bird-stuffer in Greenock, Renfrewshire, about 10 days before it was exhibited by Mr R. Gray at a meeting of the Natural History Society of Glasgow on 24th November 1868 (*Proc. Nat. Hist. Soc. Glasgow*, 1858-69, i, pp. 235-236). Gray (1871, p. 64) gives the date of its arrival at the shop as "about the 20th November 1868." "It is supposed to have been killed at no great distance from that town. It was procured by William Boyd Esq., Greenock who forwarded it to me [Mr Gray]."

Dalgleish (1880) includes this record as an 'observation' saying "supposed to have been killed near that town, as it was in the flesh."

Dresser (*Birds of Europe*, v, pp. 310-311) says the specimen could not then be traced.

Accepted by Witherby *et al* (1938-41). B&R (1953) probably American *caparoch*

#### [1871 Clyde]

Dresser (*Birds of Europe*, v, pp. 310-311) says "[Dr. Dewar] tells me that *another* specimen of the Hawk Owl was taken in the flesh to the same shop [in Greenock] a few months ago, and that he saw and examined it. It was in very poor condition; and as it had been left by a sailor, it was concluded that he had caught it on board some ship."

Witherby *et al* (1938-41) reports, in square brackets, "a second near Greenock, Dec., 1871, is of very doubtful authenticity."

#### 1898 Northeast Scotland

G. Sim says (*Annals of Scot. Nat. Hist.*, 1899, p. 49) that "On 21st November [1898] an excellent female specimen of the European Hawk-Owl (*Surnia ulula*) was shot by William Smith, factor on the Haddo House Estates. The bird weighed 11½ ounces, expanse of wings 28½ inches, length from beak to end of tail 14½ inches. The stomach was filled with the bones and hair of mice. The chief external difference in this species from that of our native Owls are its long rounded tail and short wings...." Sim (1903) gives the locality for this "European hawk-Owl" as Gight, with a description of the bird.

B&R (1953) European *ulula*

#### Tengmalm's Owl *Aegolius funereus* (11, 56)

**1860 Lothian** Cramond Island, caught, December (*Proceedings of the Royal Physical Society* 2: 244-245)

**1886 Northeast Scotland** Near Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, f, killed, 3rd February (*Scottish Naturalist* 1886: 308)

**1901 Shetland** Sandsting, Mainland, f, shot, 5th November (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1902: 119)

**1908 Shetland** Unst, adult f, caught, 8th January (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1910: 54)

**1912 Shetland** Unst, caught, 23rd January (*Scottish Naturalist* 1912: 116)

**1915 Perth & Kinross** Craighall, Blairgowrie, Perthshire, adult m, February, now at Perth Museum (*Scottish Naturalist* 1915: 151)

**1959 Orkney** Cruan, Firth, 26th and 27th December and 1st January 1960 (E Balfour, J Wood) (*British Birds* 55: 565; *Scottish Birds* 1: 453)

**1961 Orkney** Stromness, 1st May (E Balfour) (*British Birds* 55: 576)

**1980 Orkney** Finstown, adult, 13th to 20th October, trapped 14th (D Manson, E J & S J Williams) (*British Birds* 74: 479)

**1980 Orkney** Finstown, adult, trapped, 18th November, later found dead (C Corse, P Reynolds, E J Williams *et al*) (*British Birds* 74: 479; Booth *et al* 1984)

**1986 Orkney** Egilsay, 31st May to 1st June (R Gallemault, Mrs E Hibbert *et al*); presumed same, Glims Holm, dead about three to four weeks, 25th June (R F Adam per E Meek) (*British Birds* 80: 547)

[1847 Highland Spinningdale, Sutherland, Killed, May]

Charles St John (*A Tour in Sutherlandshire*, 2nd edition, 1883, i, p. 123) says "a specimen ... was killed in May 1847, by Mr Dunbar, in an old ruined factory at Spinningdale, in Sutherlandshire." Gray (1871) includes this record, but it is square-bracketed by Harvie-Brown & Buckley (1887) and omitted from Rintoul & Baxter (1928) and Witherby *et al* (1938-41). Baxter & Rintoul (1953) included it "as less well substantiated."

[1851 Orkney]

Gray (1871, p. 64) refers to a handwritten note by one of the authors in a copy of Baikie & Heddle (1848) to the effect that one was "killed at Melssetter, in Orkney, in 1851." Buckley & Harvie-Brown (1891, pp.139-140) refer to a note by Mr Moodie-Heddle saying one was "killed at Melssetter, Nov. 7th, 1851, by Dr M.F. Heddle. The bird has remained all summer in a tree near the house, within 12 feet of the dining room window. Dr Heddle who had only arrived the evening before, was not aware of this, and killed it with such a large charge of snipe-shot at close range, that the skin was spoilt - the wings, however, were put in spirits." Buckley & Harvie-Brown (1891) also add that "the wings are not now forthcoming" and that "a pencil note by Prof. Heddle in a copy of Messrs. Baikie & Heddle's work he says "No, it was passerina [Pygmy Owl]." The record has not been listed in any subsequent publication. There are no acceptable records of Pygmy Owl in the UK.

Smout (1886, p. 175) refers to a note written by Prof. Heddle on 28th January 1886 which includes a statement that he had shot a Tengmalm's Owl in Wales [?Walls, Orkney] in 1857, and that this was placed in the Museum in Kirkwall.

#### 1860 Lothian

Dr J.A. Smith exhibited this specimen at a meeting of the Royal Physical Society of Edinburgh on 23rd January 1861 (*Proceedings of the Royal Physical Society*, 1859-62, ii, pp. 244-245).

"The bird was captured by a man named Lumley, on Cramond Island, during the severe snow storm, with easterly wind, about the end of the year. On entering the stable, Lumley was started by the bird flying about, and attempting to escape at the opened door: he struck it down with his hand and captured it. It was then taken to Mr George Hutchison, gardener to Craige Halket Inglis, of Cramond House, Esq.: and was sent by Mr George Sanderson, George Street, for exhibition to the Society, and for the determination of its species." It was apparently a female. Dr Smith described it as the first for Scotland at that time.

Kirke Nashe (1935, pp. 123-124) gives a more detailed account based on a letter received from Mr William Lumley in 1904:

" ... the farmer left the island at the Term (November). A hard winter followed; there was a good deal of grain lying about, and I daresay the owls found out the mice. Well, one frosty day my father (Philip Lumley) and brother (James Lumley) set off to the island to shoot ducks. They went up to look through the deserted buildings, and when entering the stable they spied the owl sitting on a joist. My brother was inside the stable, my father in the open doorway. He tried to pull the door to shut, but it was held at the top by a sort of latch. The frightened bird attempted to fly over their heads and out by the open door, but my father noticed it coming and was lucky to knock it down into the stable stall; and my brother pounced on him, took it home, and kept him alive for about a week. Mr Hutchison (gardener and taxidermist, Cramond House) killed him. I am calling it a him, I believe it was a her. The owl was sold, when Mr Hutchison's effects were disposed of, at the time of his death, some time in the late 1880s. As far as I can remember ... it was bought by the Earl of Haddington."

[Pre-1874 Shetland Halligarth, seen several times and one found dead]

Saxby (1874, p. 56) wrote "I found the remains of *Noctua Tengmalmi* lying in a fisherman's garden, and have several times observed solitary birds of the same species about Halligarth." Unfortunately, this is the only information available. Rintoul and Baxter (1928) omitted these, and Baxter & Rintoul (1953) listed them as "less well authenticated."

[1873 Northumberland Berwick-upon-Tweed, caught, 4th February, kept until 8th]

Andrew Brotherton of Kelso (*History of the Berwickshire Nat. Club*, 1873-75, vii, p. 132) said in 1873: "there was an immature female of this rare British bird caught by a fisherman at Greenses Harbour, Berwick, on February 4th, 1873. It was kept alive till the 8th, when it died ... (now in the Berwick Museum)." Baxter and Rintoul (1953) include this record, although by all accounts it appears to have been obtained in England.

#### 1886 Northeast Scotland

Col H M Drummond Hay (*Scottish Naturalist* 1886 p 365) says "Recorded (*Scottish Naturalist* 1886 p308) by Mr Sim, Fyvie, as killed near Peterhead, on 2nd Feb., 1886." (that page is missing in SOC copy)

[1897 Shetland]

Evans & Buckley (1899, p. 108) say "Mr. Godfrey sends a note of another small Owl, saying that Mrs. E. Johnson informed him that her brother, Mr. Robertson, Scalloway, having shot a Tengmalm's Owl (?) in the little wood near that place, on March 17th, 1897, sent the bird to an English collector, and that it was recorded in some scientific paper, but the name of the publication was not given. Neither Mr. Godfrey nor the authors have seen this notice."

In 1915, following the publication of a Perthshire record, H.W. Robinson of Lancaster (*Scot. Nat.* 1915, p. 143) says one was "picked up dead by a boy named Watt at the west end of Scalloway, Shetland, on 14th March 1897, and now in the collection of Mr T. Ground of Birmingham, to whom I am indebted for the above data... The specimen was a female."

Venables & Venables (1955, p. 189) say "this may be the bird recorded by Evans & Buckley (1899, see above) and by 'a Newcastle man' (1901) who visited Shetland apparently in 1900, as having been found dead on the beach at Scalloway the previous year"

Witherby ("March 1897"), B&R ("female found dead near Scalloway on 14th March 1897"), BOU 1971 and Thom (1986).

There is some confusion over the circumstances, date, and even year. Best left as non-proven (JJA).

[1897 Shetland]

Venables & Venables (1955, p. 189) report that in Robert Russell's personal notebooks he says "received a female from Bressay for skinning on 15th April 1897. It seems unlikely that this specimen was the above peripatetic individual." Not in The Handbook or B&R (1953).

[1917/18 Shetland]

Venables & Venables (1955, p. 189) report "T. Henderson tells us that one was picked up dead at Hillwell, Dunrossness during deep snow in the winter of 1917-18 and sent to a taxidermist in Scarborough for identification and mounting." Not in The Handbook, B&R (1953) or Thom (1986).

#### Common Nighthawk *Chordeiles minor* (1, 18)

**1978 Orkney** Kirkwall Airport, trapped, 12th September (J R L Hogarth, A D K Ramsay, E J Williams) (*British Birds* 72: 529; *Scottish Birds* 11: 85)

#### Chimney Swift *Chaetura pelagica* (2, 12)

**1983 Borders** Coldingham, 5th November (Mrs F Evans) (*British Birds* 93: 541)

**1991 Fife** St Andrews, 8th to 10th November (Dr R W Byrne, D E Dickson, Dr J Graves *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 497; *Scottish Birds* 16: 216-218)

#### White-throated Needletail *Hirundapus caudacutus* (4, 8)

**1983 Orkney** South Ronaldsay, 11th to 12th June (J & Mrs R McCutcheon, E R Meek, Dr J Muir) (*British Birds* 77: 539; *Scottish Bird Report* 1984: 50)

**1984 Shetland** Quendale, 25th May to 6th June (D Coutts *et al*) (*British Birds* 78: 562)  
**1988 Orkney** Hoy, 28th May to 8th June (K Fairclough, S Thomson Jnr *et al*) (*British Birds* 82: 534)  
**1991 Shetland** Noss, 11th to 14th June (S J Brown, L A Gilbert *et al*) (*British Birds* 85: 532)

[1931 **Fair Isle** 6th August (Scot Nat 1932: 38, BB 26: 27)]

**Pallid Swift** *Apus pallidus* (2, 27)

**1996 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, m, moribund, 26th October, *A. p. brehmorum* (M Gray, S D Stansfield *et al*) (*British Birds* 90: 490; *Birding Scotland* 1: 124-125), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 2002.85)

**1999 Borders** Burmoumouth, 25th October, taken by Eurasian Sparrowhawk (M & Mrs L Fraser, R D Murray *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 541; *Birding Scotland* 3: 39)

**Little Swift** *Apus affinis* (3, 17)

**1985 Fife** St Andrews, 29th May (A C Wilson) (*British Birds* 80: 548; *Scottish Birds* 14: 257-258)

**1991 Fair Isle** 1st November (H R Harrop, C J Orsman, A Prior *et al*) (*British Birds* 85: 533; *Scottish Birds* 16: 276)

**1997 Shetland** Houbie, Fetlar, 29th May (J & T G Davies, D Suddaby) (*British Birds* 91: 497)

**Blue-cheeked Blue-eater** *Merops superciliosus* (1, 8)

**1997 Shetland** Bressay, Asta, Tingwall Valley and Lerwick area, 20th June to 3rd July (B Anderson, P Goddard, R Johnson *et al*) (*British Birds* 91: 497; *Birding World* 10: 220-221)

**Lesser Spotted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos minor* (3\*, -)

**1968 Upper Forth/Perth & Kinross** Stirling/Perth boundary, two, 23rd September; two were also suspected at same site during previous two years, not seen 1969, three were seen there early January 1970 (*Scottish Birds* 6: 210-212)

[1904 **Clyde**]

A clutch of 7 eggs found in East Renfrewshire in June 1904 was originally reported as Wryneck, later Lesser Spotted Woodpecker and then back to Wryneck (see *Glasgow Bird Bulletin* 7: 1-7).

[1968-72 **Perth & Kinross**]

Breeding Atlas shows 'presence' in 2 squares, but records not published elsewhere.

[1980 **Highland**]

One seen and heard on Speyside on 19 May & 4 June (SBR 1980). Published by R H Dennis (editor) in the SBR, but not included by Clugston & Gordon.

**Calandra Lark** *Melanocorypha calandra* (4, 10)

**1978 Fair Isle** 28th April (P J Ewins, I S Robertson, R A Williams *et al*) (*British Birds* 72: 530, *Scottish Birds* 11: 25-26)

**1994 Outer Hebrides** St Kilda, 21st September (T J Dix, J Vaughan) (*British Birds* 88: 527)

**1999 Fair Isle** 16th to 17th May (S J Turner *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 544; *Birding Scotland* 2: 185-186)

**2000 Fair Isle** 13th May (C A Holt *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 482)

[c.1928 **Fair Isle** shot, October, lost in transit to museum ]

**Bimaculated Lark** *Melanocorypha bimaculata* (1, 3)

**1976 Fair Isle** 8th June (R A Broad, W E Fletcher, S M Whitehouse *et al*) (*British Birds* 70: 428, 72: 462-463)

**Crested Lark** *Galerida cristata* (1, 20)

**1952 Fair Isle** 2nd November (*British Birds* 46: 211)

[1936 **Shetland**]

Venables & Venables (1955) list the following in square brackets "Bruce and Grierson (1899 *et seq.*) say that a crested lark was shot at Shaw, Whalsay, on 25th March 1936 but give no further details."

**Eurasian Crag Martin** *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* (1, 6)

**1999 Orkney** Davey's Brig, Finstown, 3rd May (K Fairclough, E R Meek, E J & S J Williams *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 544; *Birding Scotland* 2: 137-138)

**Blyth's Pipit** *Anthus godlewskii* (1, 9)

**1993 Fair Isle** first-winter, 31st October to 4th November, trapped 1st (G Anderson, A J Leitch, B Stammers *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 512; *Birding World* 6: 435-436)

[1988 **Fair Isle** first-winter, 13th to 27th October - not accepted, but now being reconsidered ]

**Buff-bellied Pipit** *Anthus rubescens* (2, 3)

**1910 Outer Hebrides** St Kilda, immature m, caught, 30th September (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1911: 51-52), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1910.165.31)

**1953 Fair Isle** immature, 17th September (*Scottish Naturalist* 1954: 53-54)

**Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava*  
**'Sykes's Wagtail'** *M. f. beema* (1, -)

**1910 Fair Isle** m, shot, 18th May (*British Birds* 48: 400), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1910.161.43)

**'Black-headed Wagtail'** *M. f. feldegg* (2, 9)

**1970 Fair Isle** m, 7th to 9th May (R H Dennis, J J Harris *et al*) (*British Birds* 64: 364; *Scottish Birds* 6: 215-216)

**1984 Lothian** Skateraw, m, 28th April (I J Andrews) (*British Birds* 79: 568)

[1925 **Dumfries & Galloway** Spango Water, Upper Nithsdale, 14th June]

[1936 **Shetland** Whalsay, 20th May]

[1952 **Lothian** Aberlady, 2nd July]

[1960 **Shetland** Vaila, m, mid-May]

[1969 **Shetland** Out Skerries, m, 8th to 11th May]

[1974 **Fair Isle** m, 3rd to 8th May]

**'Eastern Blue-headed Wagtail'** *M. f. simillima* (2, -)

**1909 Fair Isle** 1st-winter f, collected, 9th October (*British Birds* 48: 360 & 400), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1910.132.15)

**1912 Fair Isle** 1st-winter m, collected, 25th September (*British Birds* 48: 360 & 400), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1913.50.20)

**Cedar Waxwing** *Bombycilla cedrorum* (1, 2)

**1985 Shetland** Noss, 25th to 26th June (Ms S Crosthwaite, Mr & Mrs P Leward, C R McKay) (*British Birds* 93: 580-587; *Birding Scotland* 4: 136-139)

**Alpine Accentor** *Prunella collaris* (2, 42)

**1908 Fair Isle** 6th October (Clark 1912, vol. 2, p. 146)

**1959 Fair Isle** 27th to 28th June (P Davies, R H Dennis, C J Pennycuik *et al*) (*British Birds* 53: 426)

**1908 Shetland**

W E Clarke (1912) says "On the 6th of October 1908, I saw a bird of this species, resting on the face of a great cliff flanking a geo on the west side of the isle. I might have shot it with ease, but had no desire to drop it into the Atlantic surf, which laved the base of the precipice several hundred feet below. Eventually, it flew off and was lost amid fastnesses so vast and unapproachable as to render pursuit quite impossible."

It is not know if any other information is available to substantiate this statement.

[1930 **Fair Isle** 14th September]

[1933 **Fair Isle** 24th September]

**Common Nightingale** *Luscinia megarhynchos*  
**Central Asian race** *L. m. hafizi* (1, 2)

**1971 Fair Isle** found dead, 30th October (G J Barnes, R A Broad, I S Robertson *et al*) (*British Birds* 65: 341, 73: 519, 94: 485), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 2000.303)

**Siberian Rubythroat *Luscinia calliope* (1, 2)**

**1975 Fair Isle** first-winter m, trapped, 9th to 11th October (R A Broad, A R Lowe, P J Roberts *et al*) (*British Birds* 72: 89-94)

**Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus* (10, 25)**

**1947 Shetland** Near Skaw, Whalsay, first-winter, shot, 7th October (*Scottish Naturalist* 1948: 6-7)

**1971 Shetland** Fetlar, m, trapped, 31st May to 1st June (D P Cyrus, A R Mainwood *et al*) (*British Birds* 65: 341; *Scottish Birds* 7: 57)

**1975 Fife** Isle of May, first-winter, 14th to 15th October, trapped 14th (I Balfour-Paul, J H B Munro, G L Sandeman) (*British Birds* 69: 345, 71: 516; *Scottish Birds* 10: 23)

**1976 Fife** Fife Ness, 28th October (R W Byrne, J B Reid) (*British Birds* 70: 431)

**1981 Fair Isle** first-winter, probably m, 29th to 30th September, trapped 29th (P Millburn, N J Riddiford *et al*) (*British Birds* 75: 516)

**1984 Fair Isle** ♀immature, 21st September (P V Harvey, K Osborn, N J & Mrs E A Riddiford) (*British Birds* 78: 571)

**1993 Fair Isle** first-winter, trapped, 16th September (H J Burgess, M R Lawn, A J Leitch *et al*) (*British Birds* 87: 546)

**1998 Northeast Scotland** Foveran Bushes, Ythan Estuary, m, 27th to 28th September, trapped 27th (P Cosgrove, J Farquhar, M Smits *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 588; *Birding Scotland* 2: 36-38)

**1999 Borders** St Abbs Head, ♀first-winter, 16th to 19th October (D K Graham, J R Todd *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 548; *Birding Scotland* 3: 16-17)

**1999 Shetland** Scatness, ♀first-winter, 16th to 17th October (P M Ellis, P V Harvey *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 548; *Shetland Bird Report* 1999: 94; *Birding Scotland* 3: 17)

[1948 Orkney]

P. Scott (*The Field*, May 1948, p. 609) saw one on the Orkney Mainland in May 1948.

**Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*****Eastern race *P. p. samamisticus*, 'Ehrenburg's Redstart' (1, 4)**

**1976 Fife** Fife Ness, m, 23rd September (R W Byrne) (*British Birds* 70: 431)

**Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina* (3, 18)**

**1979 Northeast Scotland** Girdleness, immature, 17th October to 10th November, trapped 23rd (M A S Beaman, Dr A G Knox, T P Milson *et al*) (*British Birds* 71: 515, 74: 182-185)

**1994 Shetland** Shaw, Whalsay, 20th September to 10th October (M S Ponsford, K E Vinicombe, M J & M P Willmott *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 534; *Shetland Bird Report* 1994: 91-93)

**1998 Fair Isle** first-winter, 20th to 29th September (P S & R Crockett, I Gordon, C A Holt *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 591; *Birding Scotland* 2: 40-42)

**Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka* (14, 46)**

**1909 Fife** Isle of May, ♀, shot, 19th October, *O. p. pleschanka* (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1910: 2-4), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1910.9)

**1916 Orkney** Swona, ♀, shot, 1st November, *O. p. pleschanka* (*Scottish Naturalist* 1916: 293)

**1976 Northeast Scotland** Mouth of River Don, Aberdeenshire, adult m, 26th September to 7th October, trapped 4th (Dr A Knox *et al*) (*British Birds* 71: 516)

**1988 Orkney** Stronsay, ♀, 16th to 19th October (D Garrett, J F Holloway) (*British Birds* 82: 541)

**1989 Fair Isle** first-winter m, trapped, 10th October (P V Harvey, A F Silcocks *et al*) (*British Birds* 83: 476; *Scottish Birds* 16: 214, 290)

**1991 Shetland** Sumburgh, first-winter m, 9th to 13th October (P M Ellis, A McCall, D Suddaby *et al*) (*British Birds* 85: 537)

**1991 Shetland** Lerwick, first-winter m, 17th October (N J Riddiford *et al*) (*British Birds* 85: 537)

**1991 Lothian** Thorntonloch, first-winter m, 27th to 30th October (S J Dodgson, P R Gordon *et al*) (*British Birds* 85: 537; *Lothian Bird Report* 1991: 106-107)

**1992 Fife** Fife Ness, ♀, 18th to 21st September (Dr R W Byrne, A-M Smout *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 509)

**1993 Northeast Scotland** Donmouth, ♀, 8th October (S L Agnew, D M Pullan) (*British Birds* 87: 549)

**1994 Orkney** Sanday, first-winter m, 22nd October (K Fairclough, E R Meek) (*British Birds* 88: 534)

**1999 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, first-winter m, 21st to 24th October, trapped 21st (R McGregor, B Stewart *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 549)

**1999 Northeast Scotland** Slains, first-winter m, 28th October to 1st November (P Shepherd *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 549)

**2000 Shetland** Toab, m, age uncertain, 17th September (P V Harvey, Dr R Riddington *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 486; *Shetland Bird Report* 2000: 94-95)

**Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica* (14, 61)**

**1907 Fair Isle** m, shot, 25th September (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1908: 81), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1908.15.26)

**1911 Outer Hebrides** St Kilda, ♀, 21st September (Clarke 1912, vol. 2, p. 217)

**1949 Fife** Isle of May, first-winter m, trapped, 30th September to 8th October, *O. h. hispanica* (*Scottish Naturalist* 1950: 103-105; *British Birds* 43: 207-208)

**1951 Fair Isle** first-year m, 8th to 13th November † (*British Birds* 45: 231)

**1964 Fair Isle** ♀, trapped, 19th May (R H Dennis, C S Walker) (*British Birds* 58: 365)

**1964 Fair Isle** first-winter ♀, trapped, 27th September (R H Dennis, E J Wiseman) (*British Birds* 58: 365)

**1969 Caithness** Hill of Many Stanes, Clyth, Lybster, m, 2nd to 4th and 15th July (R W J Smith, D M Stark, M Williams *et al*) (*British Birds* 63: 284; *Scottish Birds* 6: 214)

**1979 Fair Isle** ♀, trapped, 18th June, *O. h. melanoleuca* (D Buffery, N R Jones, I S Robertson) (*British Birds* 73: 520)

**1980 Fife** Isle of May, adult m, 2nd to 23rd May, trapped 5th (P Lack *et al*) (*British Birds* 74: 483)

**1981 Shetland** Out Skerries, 22nd to 26th September (D Coutts, D M Pullan, E Tait *et al*) (*British Birds* 75: 517)

**1983 Shetland** Out Skerries, m, 5th October (W E Oddie, E Tait) (*British Birds* 77: 549)

**1989 Outer Hebrides** Tigharry, North Uist, m, 19th to 20th May, *O. h. melanoleuca* (T J Dix, M Shepherd *et al*) (*British Birds* 83: 476)

**1990 Outer Hebrides** Howmore Quarry, South Uist, m, 23rd April, *O. h. hispanica* (T J Dix, R J & Mrs A Evans) (*British Birds* 84: 483)

**1997 Fair Isle** first-summer m, 17th July to 8th September, *O. h. melanoleuca* (N J Riddiford, Dr R Riddington, J Watt *et al*) (*British Birds* 91: 502)

**Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti* (14, 79)**

**1880 Upper Forth** Gartmorn Dam, Clackmannanshire, m, shot, 26th November (*Proceedings of the Royal Physical Society* 6: 64-67)

**1887 Angus & Dundee** Near Arbroath, Angus, m, shot, 28th December (*Scottish Naturalist* 1888: 346; *Ibis* 1888, 283-284)

**1906 Orkney** Pentland Skerries Lighthouse, m, killed, 2nd June, *O. d. atrogularis* (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1906: 138-139), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1906.5)

**1928 Fair Isle** m, shot, 6th October, *O. d. deserti* (*Scottish Naturalist* 1928: 180), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1928.110.1)

**1929 Fair Isle** m, shot, 26th October, *O. e. homochroa* (*Scottish Naturalist* 1930: 8)

**1940 Fair Isle** immature m, shot, 18th November, *O. d. deserti* (*British Birds* 38: 229)

**1970 Fair Isle** m, 20th November (G J Barnes, R H Dennis, I S Robertson) (*British Birds* 64: 358; *Scottish Birds* 6: 446)

**1984 Caithness** Freswick, m, 26th December to 13th January 1985, trapped 27th (H Clark, S Laybourne, S A M Manson *et al*) (*British Birds* 78: 572)

**1988 Orkney** Honeysgeo, South Ronaldsay, m, 21st to 30th October (C J Corrigan, K E Hague, Mrs L White *et al*) (*British Birds* 82: 541)

**1988 Shetland** Boddam, ♀first-winter, 2nd to 3rd November (M Heubeck, M Mellor *et al*) (*British Birds* 82: 541)

**1991 Fair Isle** ♀, 26th October (H R Harrop, P V Harvey) (*British Birds* 85: 537)

**1997 Northeast Scotland** Girdleness, m, 7th November (H I Scott *et al*) (*British Birds* 91: 503)

**1997 Lothian** Thorntonloch area, ♀, 9th to 13th November (K Gillon, C Scott *et al*) (*British Birds* 91: 503; *Lothian Bird Report* 1997: 107)

**1997 Lothian** Musselburgh, ♀, 1st December to 4th January 1998 (A Robinson *et al*) (*British Birds* 91: 503)

**1880 Central**

This bird was described by John J. Dalglish in a paper read on 19th January 1881 at a meeting of the Royal Physical Society in Edinburgh (*Proceedings of the Royal Physical Society*, 1880-1881, vi, pp. 64-67): "The specimen ... was killed on 26th November last [1880], by Mr Watt, gamekeeper to Lord Balfour of Burleigh. It was sitting on a stone in moorish ground, at the side of Gartmorn Dam, on the property of the Earl of

Zetland, near Alloa, in Clackmannanshire... It is a male in autumn plumage." A note in *Zoologist* (1881, p. 453) adds "at that time also the prevailing winds were E and SE."

#### 1887 Angus & Dundee

H.W. Drummond Hay (*Scot. Nat.*, 1888, p. 346) says "A bird of this species was shot about half a mile east of Arbroath by Mr. Alex. Marshall, birdstuffer in that place, as it was flying inland across the road, leading along the top of the cliffs, on the 28th of December, 1887, at about 2-30 p.m., there being a fresh gale from the south at the time. There had been severe frost previously. This specimen was exhibited before the Perthshire Society of Natural Science on the 9th of February, and early in March 1888 before the Zoological Society of London by P. Lutley Sclater, Esq., Secretary of the Society."

H.W. Drummond Hay of Perth reports more on the circumstances in a letter to the B.O.U. dated 28th February 1888 "... Mr. Marshall had not preserved it, owing to part of the head having been shot away, and had left it lying ever since outside his shop, where, most fortunately, it still remained, though some two or three weeks had elapsed. My friend [Mr. A. Nicol Simpson], being in a great hurry at the time, did not examine it, and thinking it of no use for preservation in the state it was, enclosed it to me in a common envelope, without any protection, so that, on its arrival, owing to the effects of having been well stamped in the various post-offices through which it had passed, the chances of its preservation, as may be imagined, had not increased. On hastily tearing open the very unrepresentable envelope, guess the astonishment of the recipient to find, instead of the anticipated Stonechat, an example of *Saxicola desert!* Fearing the specimen might be lost to science, I sent it off at once to Mr. Harvie-Brown, of Dunipace (but a little more carefully packed), to confirm the discovery for me, with the request that he would kindly forward it on immediately to Mr. Robert Small, birdstuffer, Edinburgh, to see if he could possibly do anything with it. Under Mr. Small's able manipulation, I am happy to say it was most successfully carbolized, it being impossible to skin it; nor could the sex be ascertained, but it is believed to be a young male of the season."

#### Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis* (5, 27)

- 1910 Orkney** Pentland Skerries, adult m, shot, 17th May (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1910: 148-149), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1910.87)  
**1931 Fair Isle** 8th November (*Scottish Naturalist* 1932: 38)  
**1936 Fair Isle** m, 16th October (*Scottish Naturalist* 1937: 75)  
**1962 Outer Hebrides** Hirta, St Kilda, f, 17th June (J M Boyd, W E Waters) (*British Birds* 56: 66-67)  
**1970 Fair Isle** first-year m, trapped, 30th June (R H Dennis, Dr B Marshall *et al*) (*British Birds* 64: 358; *Scottish Birds* 6: 336-337)

#### Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius* (1, 5)

- 1985 Argyll** Skerryvore Lighthouse, SSW of Tiree, first-summer m, 4th to 7th June, found dead on 8th (A McConnell), skin now at BTO Tring (*British Birds* 88: 130-132)

[**1966 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, 29th August to 6th September (*Scottish Birds* 4: 451)]

#### Siberian Thrush *Zoothera sibirica* (3, 7)

- 1954 Fife** Isle of May, adult m, 1st to 4th October, trapped 2nd (*Scottish Birds* 8: 114; *British Birds* 48: 21-25)  
**1984 Orkney** Widewall, South Ronaldsay, m, 13th November (Mrs R McCutcheon) (*British Birds* 78: 573)  
**1992 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, first-winter f, 1st to 8th October, trapped 1st (A E Duncan, Dr K F Woodbridge *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 511; *Birding World* 5: 377-379)

#### Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus* (3, 8)

- 1975 Fair Isle** 2nd June (R A Broad, P J Roberts, S Rumsey *et al*) (*British Birds* 72: 414-417)  
**1995 Fair Isle** first-winter, trapped, 19th October (C M Hewson, Dr R Riddington, K A Wilson *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 516)  
**1998 Shetland** Fetlar, 30th April to 1st May (J & T G Davies) (*British Birds* 92: 593; *Shetland Bird Report* 1998: 92-93)

#### Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus* (5, 23)

- 1980 Shetland** Scatness, 25th to 29th October (I G & Mrs C Davison *et al*) (*British Birds* 74: 484)  
**1990 Fair Isle** 30th September to 6th October (H R Harrop, J P Hunt *et al*) (*British Birds* 84: 485)  
**1993 Orkney** Holm, Mainland, trapped, 21st October (R G Adam, E J Williams) (*British Birds* 87: 552)  
**1996 Outer Hebrides** Near Lochskipport, South Uist, 6th October (B Rabbitts) (*British Birds* 90: 497)  
**2000 Shetland** Brae, first-winter, 12th to 13th October (I Gordon, N Milligan, P Sclater *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 488; *Shetland Bird Report* 2000: 96)

#### Grey-cheeked Thrush *Catharus minimus* (7, 44)

- 1953 Fair Isle** first-winter, 5th to 6th October, trapped 5th (*Scottish Naturalist* 1954: 18-20; *British Birds* 47: 266-267)  
**1958 Fair Isle** first-winter, trapped, 29th October (P Davies) (*British Birds* 52: 316)

- 1965 Moray & Nairn** Lossiemouth, Moray, first-winter m, found dying, 26th November (D Careless, Capt. J N Humphreys RN, Dr J G Harrison), now at Harrison Zoological Museum, Sevenoaks (*British Birds* 59: 293; *Scottish Birds* 4: 310)  
**1965 Outer Hebrides** St Kilda, caught, 29th October, died during night (P Grubb) (*British Birds* 59: 293; *Scottish Birds* 4: 310), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1965.59)  
**1982 Shetland** Voe, 19th to 20th October (C Robson *et al*) (*British Birds* 76: 508)  
**1989 Outer Hebrides** Benbecula, first-winter, trapped, 29th October (P R Boyer, T J Dix, J J Gordon *et al*) (*British Birds* 83: 481)  
**1994 Orkney** North Hoy, 16th October (T Prescott, M D Sutton) (*British Birds* 88: 535)

#### Veery *Catharus fuscescens* (1, 5)

- 1995 Outer Hebrides** Newton, North Uist, 20th to 28th October (P J Benstead *et al*) (*British Birds* 90: 497, 92: 593)

#### Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus* (7, 17)

- 1964 Outer Hebrides** North Rona, first-winter, 16th October (N Picozzi) (*British Birds* 58: 364, 61: 218-223, *Scottish Birds* 3: 419-420; *Birding Scotland* 3: 148)  
**1978 Clyde** Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, m, 22nd October (D L Clugston) (*British Birds* 72: 535)  
**1981 Northeast Scotland** Newburgh, m, 27th May (A Anderson, M V Bell, Dr A G Knox) (*British Birds* 75: 517)  
**1984 Orkney** Evie, first-winter, 25th to 26th September (E K Meek, J B Ribbands) (*British Birds* 78: 573)  
**1987 Fair Isle** first-winter, 7th to 15th October, trapped 7th (K Osborn, N J Riddiford *et al*) (*British Birds* 81: 580)  
**1992 Fair Isle** first-winter, 4th October (N C Green, D Rhymes, Dr R Riddington *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 511)  
**1995 Angus & Dundee** Auchmithie, m, 28th to 30th May (S R Green, T Green *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 516)

#### Dusky Thrush *Turdus naumanni* (3, 10)

- 1961 Fair Isle** first-winter f, 18th to 21st October, trapped 18th (C Hodgkinson, P Davies, S L White *et al*) (*British Birds* 55: 577; *Scottish Birds* 5: 393-394)  
**1968 Shetland** Whalsay, 24th September (J H Simpson) (*British Birds* 62: 476; *Scottish Birds* 5: 392-393)  
**1975 Shetland** Firth, 6th to 13th November (D Coutts, B P Walker *et al*) (*British Birds* 69: 344)

[**1937 Fair Isle** 7th October]

#### American Robin *Turdus migratorius* (7, 33)

- 1961 Orkney** Grimsetter Aerodrome, 27th May (R O Watson) (*British Birds* 55: 577, *Scottish Birds* 2: 343)  
**1966 Dumfries & Galloway** Woodhall Loch, Kirkcudbrightshire, 12th May (E Hailes) (*British Birds* 60: 324; *Scottish Birds* 4: 376)  
**1967 Shetland** Foula, 11th and 16th November (J R & Mrs J A Gear) (*British Birds* 61: 349; *Scottish Birds* 5: 220)  
**1975 Outer Hebrides** St Kilda, 14th January to 15th February (C Brown *et al*) (*British Birds* 69: 345)  
**1981 Caithness** Achins, Reay, adult, 5th November (Dr D M Edge, E W E Maughan) (*British Birds* 76: 509)  
**1982 Shetland** Foula, m, 3rd to 16th November (Mrs S Gear *et al*) (*British Birds* 76: 509)  
**1988 Northeast Scotland** Inverbervie, first-winter m, 24th to 29th December (Mrs J Evans, R McCurley *et al*) (*British Birds* 82: 542)

#### Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti* (1, -)

- 1993 Lothian** Leith, Edinburgh, m, found freshly dead below windows, 4th October (M Shepherd) (*Scottish Birds* 17: 176-177; *Lothian Bird Report* 1993: 120-122; see *Scottish Birds* 19: 260 for correction of date to 4th), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1993.181), had been ringed on 24th August, near Calais, France

#### River Warbler *Locustella fluviatilis* (15, 29)

- 1961 Fair Isle** first-winter, 24th to 25th September, trapped 24th (G J Barnes, P Davies, P J Slater *et al*) (*British Birds* 55: 137-138)  
**1969 Fair Isle** trapped, 16th September (K Armstrong, R H Dennis *et al*) (*British Birds* 63: 284)  
**1981 Fair Isle** 23rd to 24th May, m, found dead 25th (P Alker, N J Riddiford, C D Rowley *et al*) (*British Birds* 75: 518), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 2002.87)  
**1982 Fair Isle** first-year, trapped, 22nd September (D G Borton, N J Riddiford *et al*) (*British Birds* 76: 509)

**1982 Fair Isle** adult, 24th to 26th, trapped 24th (M Parr, N J Riddiford *et al*) (*British Birds* 76: 509)  
**1984 Fair Isle** 7th June (N J & Mrs E A Riddiford) (*British Birds* 78: 574)  
**1993 Fair Isle** m, 25th to 28th May, trapped, 25th (I Brown, P A Jenks, A J Leitch *et al*) (*British Birds* 87: 552)  
**1993 Fair Isle** first-winter, 26th to 27th September, trapped 26th (T R Cleeves, Dr S & Mrs P Cox, A J Leitch *et al*) (*British Birds* 87: 552)  
**1993 Shetland** Out Skerries, first-winter, 9th to 10th October, trapped 9th (J M & T P Drew, P M Ellis, E Tait *et al*) (*British Birds* 87: 552; *Shetland Bird Report* 1993: 121)  
**1994 Fife** Clatto Reservoir, in song, 16th to 25th July (S T Buckland, C & Mrs A-M Smout, S Taylor *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 538)  
**1995 Fair Isle** 27th May (I Barton, K Rosewarne *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 517)  
**1995 Shetland** Foula, 14th September (D J Rigby) (*British Birds* 90: 499)  
**1995 Shetland** Lerwick, 14th September (J Coutts, Mrs M Leslie *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 517)  
**1995 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, first-winter, trapped, 15th September (M Gray, N E Robinson, S D Stansfield *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 517)  
**1995 Shetland** Sumburgh, first-winter, 15th to 17th September, trapped 17th (R J Wardle *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 517)

**Savi's Warbler** *Locustella luscinioides* (7\*, 606 since 1958)

**1908 Fair Isle** two, f shot, 14th May (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1909: 73; Baxter and Rintoul 1953, p.159), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1908.94.19)  
**1981 Fair Isle** first-summer, trapped, 24th June (D G Borton, N J Riddiford *et al*) (*British Birds* 75: 518)  
**1986 Fair Isle** trapped, 7th June  
**1993 Fair Isle** 4th to 6th May  
**1995 Shetland** Whalsay, 29th to 30th May (B Marshall *et al*) (*Shetland Bird Report* 1995: 92-93)  
**1996 Fair Isle** 24th to 31st May

**Thick-billed Warbler** *Acrocephalus aedon* (2, 2)

**1955 Fair Isle** trapped, 6th October (*British Birds* 49: 89-93)  
**1971 Shetland** Whalsay, trapped, 23rd September, released Lerwick, 24th, found dead 25th (Dr B Marshall, J H Simpson, R J Tulloch *et al*) (*British Birds* 65: 342; *Scottish Birds* 7: 262)

**Olivaceous Warbler** *Hippolais pallida* (3, 14)

**1967 Fife** Isle of May, trapped, 24th to 26th September, when killed by Great Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor* (D A I Baty, W M Morrison, A D K Ramsay *et al*) (*British Birds* 61: 350; *Scottish Birds* 10: 24-25)  
**1995 Fair Isle** 5th to 13th June, trapped 5th (Dr R Riddington, K A Wilson *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 517; *Birding World* 8: 218-220)  
**2000 Northeast Scotland** Collieston, 13th to 21st September, trapped 15th (P A A Baxter, P S Crockett *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 489; *Birding Scotland* 4: 11-14)

All the above records refer to the race *H.p. elaeica*.

**Booted Warbler** *Hippolais caligata*

**'Syke's Warbler'** *H. c. rama* (1, 2)

**1993 Shetland** Seafield, Lerwick, 22nd October to 9th November, trapped 24th (W Jackson, K Osborn *et al*) (*British Birds* 87: 554; *Birding World* 6: 437-438)

**Marmora's Warbler** *Sylvia sarda* (1, 3)

**1993 Borders** St Abbs Head, in song, 23rd to 27th May (T P Drew, K J Rideout *et al*) (*British Birds* 87: 554; *Birding World* 6: 182)

**Dartford Warbler** *Sylvia undata* (2, -)

**1983 Borders** St Abbs Head, m, in song, 18th May (R D Murray *et al*) (*Scottish Birds* 13: 52-53)  
**2000 Fair Isle** probable m, 29th April to 1st May (*Fair Isle Bird Report* 2000; *Birding Scotland* 3: 129-130)

**Sardinian Warbler** *Sylvia melanocephala* (9, 58)

**1967 Fair Isle** m, 26th to 27th May, trapped 26th (G J Barnes, R H Dennis, W N Landells *et al*) (*British Birds* 60: 483-485)

**1981 Fife** Isle of May, m, 30th May (N Aebischer *et al*) (*British Birds* 75: 521)

**1988 Orkney** Birsay, m, 24th to about 27th April (P & V C Reynolds *et al*) (*British Birds* 82: 548)

**1992 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, first-summer f, 25th to 27th May, trapped, 25th (P J Donnelly, A E Duncan *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 515)

**1992 Orkney** Stronsay, adult m, 29th to 31st October (J F & Mrs S M Holloway, Mr & Mrs N Kent) (*British Birds* 86: 515)

**1992 Shetland** Cunningsburgh, adult m, 24th July to 11th November (J Nicolson, Mr & Mrs L Smith, D Suddaby) (*British Birds* 86: 515; *Shetland Bird Report* 1993: 112-113)

**1994 Outer Hebrides** Hirta, St Kilda, m, 23rd May (T J Dix, D Lee, J Vaughan *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 541)

**1994 Fair Isle** m, 23rd to 28th June (M Campbell, G Thompson *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 541)

**1998 Shetland** Sumburgh, f/first-summer m, 10th May (M Mellor, G Petrie, G Robertson *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 597; *Shetland Bird Report* 1998: 93)

**Rüppell's Warbler** *Sylvia rueppelli* (2, 5)

**1977 Shetland** Dunrossness, adult m, in song, 13th August to 17th September, trapped 15th August (R P Martins, J D Okill *et al*) (*British Birds* 72: 537, '74: 279-283)

**1990 Shetland** Whalsay, m, 3rd to 19th October, trapped 3rd (J L Irvine, Dr B Marshall, M Williamson *et al*) (*British Birds* 84: 492)

**Orphean Warbler** *Sylvia hortensis* (1, 6)

**1982 Northeast Scotland** Seaton Park, Aberdeen, trapped, 10th October (R Duncan) (*British Birds* 77: 552; *Birding Scotland* 3: 5)

**Hume's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus humei* (5, 43)

**1991 Angus & Dundee** Windyhills Farm, Auchmithie, 13th October (G Addison, C Campbell, M S Scott *et al*) (*British Birds* 91: 508)

**1994 Orkney** Cara, South Ronaldsay, 4th to 6th November (M Gray, E R Meek *et al*) (*British Birds* 91: 508)

**1994 Fife** Isle of May, 10th November (A Robinson) (*British Birds* 91: 508)

**1994 Northeast Scotland** Bullers of Buchan, 10th to 13th November (T W Marshall, A Webb *et al*) (*British Birds* 91: 508)

**2000 Fife** Crail, 7th to 8th November (N Elkins, S Paterson, R Shand *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 493)

**Eastern Bonelli's Warbler** *Phylloscopus orientalis* (1, 3)

**1998 Shetland** Sumburgh, 27th to 28th August (S Croft, I Dillon, J N Dymond, P V Harvey *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 599; *Birding Scotland* 1: 154-159; *Shetland Bird Report* 1998: 94)

**Western Bonelli's Warbler** *Phylloscopus bonelli* (6, 58)

**1961 Fair Isle** first-winter, trapped, 22nd September (E J Wiseman, W H Truckle, S L White *et al*) (*British Birds* 55: 278)

**1974 Shetland** Sumburgh, 5th September (F A Clements, D Wills *et al*) (*British Birds* 71: 522)

**1979 Shetland** Whalsay, first-winter, 21st to 22nd September, trapped 22nd (Dr B Marshall) (*British Birds* 73: 525)

**1986 Orkney** Graemeshall, Holm, first-winter, 26th October to 15th November, trapped 26th, retrapped 14th (R G Adams, E R Meek *et al*) (*British Birds* 80: 562)

**1994 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, 11th to 13th May (S D Stansfield, H Thurgate *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 542)

**1995 Shetland** Sumburgh, 13th to 18th September, trapped 16th (A Brown, J F & Mrs D R Cooper, I S Robertson *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 520, 92: 599)

**Collared Flycatcher** *Ficedula albicollis* (14, 23)

**1947 Shetland** Whalsay, adult m, shot, 11th May (*Scottish Naturalist* 1948: 51)

**1963 Orkney** Newhill, Harray, m, 30th May (E Balfour, G Flett) (*British Birds* 57: 275; *Scottish Birds* 2: 478)

**1975 Shetland** Out Skerries, m, 13th May (A R Lowe, W E Oddie) (*British Birds* 69: 351; *Scottish Birds* 10: 181-182)

**1976 Shetland** Out Skerries, f, 25th May (A R Lowe) (*British Birds* 70: 436; *Scottish Birds* 10: 182)  
**1979 Shetland** Bressay, m, 23rd to 24th May (Mrs C Filmore, J D Okill *et al*) (*British Birds* 73: 525)  
**1980 Orkney** Stronsay, m, 31st May (A D K Ramsay) (*British Birds* 74: 487)  
**1986 Fair Isle** first-winter, trapped, 8th October (A J Livett, M G Pennington, N J Riddiford *et al*) (*British Birds* 81: 586; *Birding Scotland* 4: 39-41)  
**1992 Outer Hebrides** Hirta, St Kilda, m, 24th May (T J Dix, J Vaughan) (*British Birds* 86: 523)  
**1995 Shetland** Tresta, m, 5th June (H R Harrop, M Mellor) (*British Birds* 89: 520)  
**1997 Angus & Dundee** Ethie Mains, first-summer m, 31st May to 1st June (S R Green *et al*) (*British Birds* 91: 510)  
**1998 Fair Isle** m, 28th May (C A Holt, J M Reid, S J Turner *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 599)  
**1999 Northeast Scotland** Cove, Aberdeen, m, 30th April to 1st May (P A A Baxter *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 560; *Birding Scotland* 2: 138-139)  
**1999 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, f, 31st May (P A Brown, S Holloway, T Wilson *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 494; *Birding World* 12: 231-233)  
**1999 Shetland** Skaw, Unst, first-summer m, 13th June (M G Pennington *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 560)

#### **Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus* (2, 2)

**1985 Shetland** Sumburgh, adult, 30th September to 2nd October (M S Chapman, D Coutts, G J Fitchett *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 600-604)  
**2000 Fair Isle** first-winter f, trapped, 21st October (J N Dymond, D N Shaw *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 495; *Birding World* 13: 420-422; *Birding Scotland* 4: 33-35)

#### **Isabelline Shrike** *Lanius isabellinus* (13, 57)

**1950 Fife** Isle of May, adult m winter, 26th September (*British Birds* 44: 217-219)  
**1960 Fair Isle** adult m, 12th to 13th May, trapped 13th (P Davies *et al*) (*British Birds* 54: 209-210)  
**1979 Fair Isle** first-winter, 24th October (Dr D T & Mrs P Parkin, I S Robertson) (*British Birds* 73: 525)  
**1981 Fair Isle** adult m, 9th to 12th October (G Bashford, N J Riddiford *et al*) (*British Birds* 75: 525)  
**1987 Shetland** Eswick, 23rd October (P V Harvey, M Heubeck, T D Rogers *et al*) (*British Birds* 82: 553)  
**1988 Shetland** Catfirth, first-winter, 17th to 23rd October (M S Chapman, A Graham *et al*) (*British Birds* 82: 553)  
**1989 Borders/Lothian** Dunglass, Berwickshire/East Lothian, f, trapped, 13th September (T W Dougall, D Patterson) (*British Birds* 83: 486; *Borders Bird Report* 11: 78)  
**1991 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, m, 28th October to 2nd November (M Gray *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 524)  
**1993 Fife** Fife Ness, first-winter, 4th to 9th November (D E Dickson, R Shand *et al*) (*British Birds* 87: 560)  
**1994 Fair Isle** f, 23rd to 24th August, trapped 23rd (Dr R Riddington, N C Ward *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 543)  
**1995 Orkney** Netherstove, Deerness, m, 10th to 17th September (K E Hague, E R Meek *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 521)  
**1997 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, first-winter, trapped, 30th November (S D Stansfield *et al*) (*British Birds* 91: 510)  
**1999 Borders** Burnmouth, first-winter, 24th to 31st October (P R Gordon *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 560; *Birding Scotland* 3: 36-37)

#### **Southern Grey Shrike** *Lanius meridionalis* (6, 16)

**1956 Fair Isle** first-winter, trapped, 21st September (*British Birds* 50: 246-249)  
**1964 Fair Isle** first-winter, trapped, 18th October (G L Barnes, R H Dennis, E J Wiseman *et al*) (*British Birds* 58: 368)  
**1994 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, first-winter m, 14th September to 16th October, trapped 5th (A J Leitch, S D Stansfield, Dr K F Woodbridge *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 543)  
**1994 Shetland** Boddam, probably first-winter, 7th to 10th November (H R Harrop, R Reeves, I S Robertson *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 543; *Shetland Bird Report* 1994: 90-91)  
**1994 Orkney** Papa Westray, 11th to 26th November (Mrs A Hourston, J Rendall *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 543)  
**2000 Orkney** Windwick, South Ronaldsay, first-winter, 22nd September (K Fairclough, A C Knight) (*British Birds* 94: 496)

All the above records refer to the race *L. m. pallidirostris*.

#### **Spotted Nutcracker** *Nucifraga caryocatactes* (3, 400)

**1868 Orkney** Sanday, shot, 1st October (Buckley & Harvey Brown 1891, p.125)

**1868 Highland** Invergarry, Inverness-shire, shot, October (*Zoologist* 1868: 1484, 1519)  
**1968 Shetland** Lerwick, 21st to 23rd August (D Coutts, J Gray) (*British Birds* 63: 371; *Scottish Birds* 7: 56)

#### [2 old records]

Yarrell & Newton (1882, ii, p. 322) say "Macgillivray says that a specimen then in the Museum of the University of Edinburgh was said to have been shot in that kingdom... Neither of these statements can be fully accepted."

#### [Pre-1833 Northeast Scotland]

Gray (1871, p. 188) mentions a specimen "referred to in the statistical account of the parish of Peterhead, the writer of which states that a specimen of the Nutcracker, killed near that town, was in the collection of Mr [Adam] Arbutnot there in 1833." However, it is not included in the list supplied by A. Arbutnot to Rev. William Donald (*The New Statistical Account of Scotland*, xii, "Peterhead", 1840, pp. 350-351). It was not found in the Peterhead Museum in May 1869 (Gray 1871).

However, in the Statistical Account for the Parish of Alford, written in 1831, Rev James Farquharson says "amongt which is the rare nutcracker, seen by Major Thomas Youngson".

#### [1876 Lothian]

Yarrell & Newton (1882, ii, p. 322) say "the late Lord Tweeddale told the Editor [A. Newton] of one supposed to have been seen at Yester in East Lothian in December, 1876."

#### 1868 Orkney

Buckley & Harvie-Brown (1891, p. 125) say "Mr Harvey informs us that a Nutcracker was shot in Sanday on 1st of October 1868, as it was feeding on worms like a crow... The specimen is now in the possession of Mr Denison of Brough, Sanday, where we saw it."

#### 1868 Highland

Gray (1871, p. 188) includes "the occurrence of a specimen in Inverness-shire in October, 1868; it was shot at Invergarry and sent to Inverness, where it was preserved by Mr William McLeay, Taxidermist, 80 Church Street."

Harting (1901) says "seen in the collection of Sir Jojn Crewe of Calke Abbey."

The original references in *Zoologist* 1868 pp 1484, 1519 have not been seen [not in SOC] - IJA

[?1891 Dumfries & Galloway Corsemalzie, Wigtownshire, ?September]

[Sir] Herbert Maxwell (*Scottish Naturalist* 1891, p. 191) says "I have pleasure in reporting the occurrence of an extremely rare and interesting visitor to Scotland – the Nut-craker (*Nucifraga caryocatactes*). My younger son, who is well-informed naturalist, on whom I am able to rely as a careful observer, watched the bird at Corsemalzie, Wigtownshire, feeding on mountain-ash berries, and assures me that he could not be mistaken, as he and a companion got quite near the bird. He identified it afterwards by comparison of three authorities, Yarrell, Morris, and Lord Lilford, in all of which it is well figured... there being, only three authenticated instances of its having been shot in Scotland."

Listed by Saunders. Not listed by Harting (1901). Baxter & Rintoul (1953, p. 28) give the date as "September 1891".

#### **Spanish Sparrow** *Passer hispaniolensis* (1, 7)

**1993 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, male, 11th to 19th August, trapped 11th (A E Duncan, J Reid, S D Stansfield *et al*) (*British Birds* 87: 561; *Birding World* 6: 309-311)

#### **Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus* (6, 127)

**1985 Caithness** Wick, 13th to 16th October (K W Banks *et al*) (*British Birds* 81: 588)  
**1988 Outer Hebrides** Newton Plantation, North Uist, 1st to 7th October (T J Dix, B C Forrester, J J Gordon *et al*) (*British Birds* 82: 555)  
**1988 Caithness** Thurso, 8th November (P M Miller) (*British Birds* 86: 525)  
**1991 Lothian** Barns Ness, 13th to 14th October (D Garratt *et al*) (*British Birds* 85: 548; *Lothian Bird Report* 1991:111-112)  
**1992 Argyll** Arinagour, Coll, 3rd October (I D Bullock) (*British Birds* 86: 525)  
**2000 Outer Hebrides** Stornoway, Lewis, 21st October (R D Wemyss) (*British Birds* 94: 497)

#### **European Serin** *Serinus serinus* (6, -)

**1911 Lothian** southern suburbs of Edinburgh, m, caught, 9th November (*Scottish Naturalist* 1912: 11), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1911.107)  
**1914 Fair Isle** f, shot, 22nd May (*Scottish Naturalist* 1915: 102)  
**1957 Fair Isle** m, sang, 25th May † (P Davies) (*British Birds* 51: 199)  
**1964 Fair Isle** m, 29th May (R H Dennis, C S Walker) (*British Birds* 58: 369)  
**1968 Shetland** Scalloway, 17th November (R Duthie) (*British Birds* 62: 487; *Scottish Birds* 5: 399)  
**1998 Borders** St Abbs Head, f, 29th to 30th May (C McGuigan *et al*) (*Borders Bird Report* 18: 98-99; *Birding Scotland* 1: 122-123)

#### **Arctic Redpoll** *Carduelis hornemanni*

**Northwest Greenland race** *C. h. hornemanni*, 'Hornemann's Redpoll' (20\*, ?)

**1905 Fair Isle** three, adult m and two immatures, 18th September (Clarke 1912, vol. 2, p. 110)  
**1905 Fair Isle** adult m, 29th September (Clarke 1912, vol. 2, p. 110)  
**1905 Fair Isle** immature, 10th October (Clarke 1912, vol. 2, p. 110)  
**1905 Shetland** Unst, shot, between 9th and 19th October (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1910: 54)  
**1920 Argyll** Mull, shot, 10th October  
**1925 Fair Isle** f, shot, 12th November (*Scottish Naturalist* 1926: 4), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1926.19.1)  
**1932 Fair Isle** September (Baxter & Rintoul 1953, vol 1, p. 57)  
**1935 Fair Isle** October (Baxter & Rintoul 1953, vol 1, p. 57)  
**1950 Fair Isle** autumn (Williamson 1965, p. 292)  
**1962 Outer Hebrides** Uigen, Lewis, m, found dead, 8th April (W A J Cunningham, C E Palmer, D Weir) (*British Birds* 56: 407)  
**1965 Fair Isle** trapped, 4th to 6th November (G J Barnes, R H Dennis) (*British Birds* 59: 297)  
**1980 Shetland** Fetlar, two, 13th October (J N Dymond) (*British Birds* 74: 489)  
**1987 Shetland** Whalsay, 28th April to at least 1st May (J L Irvine, Dr B Marshall, the late A Sandison) (*British Birds* 82: 555)  
**1988 Orkney** Stronsay, 5th to 7th November (J F & Mrs S M Holloway) (*British Birds* 82: 555)  
**1989 Fair Isle** first-winter m, 4th to 18th October, trapped 5th, 14th (T R Cleeves, P Howlett, T M Melling *et al*) (*British Birds* 83: 488, 94: 498)  
**1997 Shetland** Lambaness, Unst, 10th October (P V Harvey, M G Pennington, S C Votier) (*British Birds* 91: 512)  
**1998 Shetland** Out Skerries, trapped, 29th September to 2nd October (S J Dodgson, E Tait) (*British Birds* 92: 602)

The following are listed as probables:

**1978 Fair Isle** 26th December (Dymond 1991)  
**1981 Fair Isle** 15th to 17th October (Dymond 1991 "probably this race")  
**1989 Fair Isle** second bird, 18th October (Dymond 1991)  
**1990 Fair Isle** 23rd April (Dymond 1991 "probably this race")  
**1999 Caithness** Barrock, first-winter, 6th to 7th February (J Smith *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 498)

#### **Trumpeter Finch *Bucanetes githagineus* (3, 7)**

**1971 Highland** Handa, Sutherland, 8th to 9th June (C R & Mrs J M Tubbs) (*British Birds* 67: 342; 70: 45-49)  
**1981 Orkney** Sanday, m, 26th to 28th May (A & Mrs F Cormack, J E Crossley, Dr K F Woodbridge *et al*) (*British Birds* 76: 523) [Booth *et al* 1984 give dates as 25th to 29th]  
**1992 Highland** Balnakeil, near Durness, Sutherland, m, 4th June (Dr M H Blattner *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 528)

#### **Pine Grosbeak *Pinicola enucleator* (3, 11)**

**1954 Fife** Isle of May, adult f, trapped, 8th to 9th November (*British Birds* 48: 133-134)  
**1992 Shetland** Lerwick, m, probably first-year, in song, 25th March to at least 25th April (P Barry *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 528; *Shetland Bird Report* 1992: 110; *Birding World* 5:133-137)  
**2000 Shetland** Maywick, first-winter m, 9th November (P Bentley, H R Harrop *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 498; *Shetland Bird Report* 2000: 97-98; *Birding World* 13: 448-450; *Birding Scotland* 4: 32)

[1769 Northeast Scotland]

Pennant (1772) says "I saw flying in the forests the greater bullfinch of Mr Edwards; tab. 123. 124 – the *Loxia enucleator* of Linnaeus, whose food is the seed of pine cones – a bird common to the north of Europe and America." (per Gray 1871, p. 152).

[Pre-1789? Dumfries & Galloway]

Dr Burgess includes the "Pine Bullfinch" in his list of the birds of the parish of Kirkmichael (per Gray 1871, p. 152).

[Pre-1808 Lothian]

This species is included in a catalogue of animals and plants of the Esk Valley in Midlothian, possibly written by Patrick Neill (per Gray 1871, p. 152).

[Pre-1813 Angus & Dundee]

Don (1813) includes this bird in his Fauna of Forfarshire, and states that it had come in great numbers to the woods of Glamis and Lindertis... "and totally destroyed the whole larch and fir cones for these two years past."

[Pre-1833? Borders]

Included by the Rev James Thomson in the Statistical Account of the Parish of Eccles in Berwickshire written in 1834. It is listed among the rare species as "*Corythus enucleator* (hawkfinch)". This is also mentioned by Gray 1871, p. 152.

Gray (1871) remarks that he found it rather odd that there had been no reliable record since 1833, and raised the possibility that brightly coloured male Common Crossbills had been misidentified.

[1938 Highland Tomatin, Inverness-shire, four, May ]

#### **Evening Grosbeak *Hesperiphona vespertina* (2, 2)**

**1969 Outer Hebrides** St Kilda, adult m, 26th March (N Picozzi) (*British Birds* 64: 189-194; *Birding Scotland* 2: 63-64)  
**1980 Highland** Nethy Bridge, Inverness-shire, adult f, 10th to 25th March (H Marshall) (*British Birds* 74: 491)

#### **Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia* (1, 15)**

**1936 Shetland** Scalloway, found dead, mid-October (*British Birds* 53: 98), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1936.84)

#### **Tennessee Warbler *Vermivora peregrina* (4, 4)**

**1975 Fair Isle** immature, trapped, 6th to 20th September (R A Broad, C D Heard, G Walbridge *et al*) (*British Birds* 74: 90-94)  
**1975 Fair Isle** immature, trapped (different bird), 24th September (R A Broad, P J Roberts *et al*) (*British Birds* 69: 354)  
**1982 Orkney** Holm, trapped, 5th to 7th September (E R Meek *et al*) (*British Birds* 76: 524)  
**1995 Outer Hebrides** Hirta, St Hilda, 20th September (T J Dix, K J Douglas) (*British Birds* 89: 524)

#### **Yellow Warbler *Dendroica petechia* (2, 5)**

**1990 Shetland** Helendale, Lerwick, m, 3rd to 4th November (Mrs M Leslie, D Suddaby *et al*) (*British Birds* 84: 500; 86: 530)  
**1992 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, first-winter m, trapped, 24th August (A E Duncan, A Mitchell, K A Wilson *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 530)

#### **Chestnut-sided Warbler *Dendroica pensylvanica* (1, 2)**

**1985 Shetland** Fetlar, first-year, 20th September (M A & Mrs V M Peacock) (*British Birds* 86: 57-61)

#### **Blackburnian Warbler *Dendroica fusca* (1, 2)**

**1988 Fair Isle** first-winter m, 7th October (G R Avery, N J Riddiford, M J Wilmott *et al*) (*British Birds* 83: 489)

#### **Cape May Warbler *Dendroica tigrina* (1, 1)**

**1977 Clyde** Paisley Glen, Renfrewshire, singing m, 17th June (T Byars, H Galbraith) (*British Birds* 73: 2-5; *Birding Scotland* 3: 136-140)

#### **Yellow-rumped Warbler *Dendroica coronata* (5, 24)**

**1977 Fair Isle** m, 18th May (R A Broad, Mr & Mrs J Woodland) (*British Birds* 71: 526)  
**1982 Outer Hebrides** Newton, North Uist, 22nd to 23rd October (R H & Mrs M Dennis, C H Pickup) (*British Birds* 76: 524)  
**1995 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, first-winter, 13th October (S D Stansfield *et al*) (*British Birds* 89: 525)  
**1999 Fair Isle** first-summer m, 3rd to 5th June (C A Holt *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 562; *Birding World* 12: 239)  
**1999 Outer Hebrides** Grogarry, South Uist, 17th October (B Rabbitts, A Stevenson *et al*) (*British Birds* 93: 562; *Birding Scotland* 2: 185)

#### **Blackpoll Warbler *Dendroica striata* (4, 37)**

**1985 Shetland** Whalsay, trapped, 30th September to 3rd October (J L Irvine, Dr B Marshall *et al*) (*British Birds* 79: 580; *Scottish Bird Report* 1987: 50)  
**1990 Shetland** Sumburgh, 6th October (S J Dodgson, G K Gordon *et al*) (*British Birds* 84: 500)  
**1991 Fair Isle** 30th September (M I Dowie, T G Francis, D Suddaby *et al*) (*British Birds* 85: 550)  
**1996 Outer Hebrides** Stornoway, Lewis, 26th to 29th October (R D Wemyss) (*British Birds* 90: 509)

#### **American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla* (1, 7)**

**1982 Argyll** Portnahaven, Islay, f/immature, 1st November (Mrs P J S Dawson, D Macleod) (*British Birds* 76: 525; *Birding Scotland* 4: 186-188)

**Ovenbird** *Seiurus aurocapillus* (1, 4)

**1973 Shetland** Out Skerries, trapped, 7th to 8th October (I S & Mrs S Robertson, R J Tulloch *et al*) (*British Birds* 68: 453-455)

**Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas* (2, 7)

**1984 Shetland** Fetlar, m, 7th to 11th June (Misses J & M Gates, D Walker *et al*) (*British Birds* 78: 582; *Scottish Birds* 14: 124)

**1997 Shetland** Baltasound, Unst, first-summer f, 16th to 23rd May (M J McCleod, M G Pennington *et al*) (*British Birds* 91: 513; *Birding World* 10: 185-186)

**Hooded Warbler** *Wilsonia citrina* (1, 2)

**1992 Outer Hebrides** Hirta, St Kilda, 10th September (T J Dix, J Vaughan) (*British Birds* 86: 530; *Scottish Birds*: 19: 123; *Birding World* 5: 380-381; *Birding Scotland* 3: 54-55)

**Savannah Sparrow** *Passerculus sandwichensis* (1, 2)

**1987 Fair Isle** first-winter, 30th September to 1st October, trapped 30th, *P. s. sandwichensis* (P M Ellis, N J Riddiford *et al*) (*British Birds* 81: 590, 85: 561-564)

**Song Sparrow** *Melospiza melodia* (3, 7)

**1959 Fair Isle** m, 27th April to 10th May, trapped 27th (P Davies, R H Dennis *et al*) (*British Birds* 52: 419-421, 53: 429)

**1979 Fair Isle** m, trapped, 17th April to 7th May (D Buffery, N R Jones, I S Robertson *et al*), and Sumburgh, 10th June (G Bashford, M S Chapman *et al*) [Although there was no sign of a ring on the Sumburgh bird, BBRC consider only one bird to be involved]

**1989 Fair Isle** m, trapped, 11th to 26th April (P V Harvey, P Howlett *et al*) (*British Birds* 83: 489)

**White-crowned Sparrow** *Zonotrichia leucophrys* (1, 3)

**1977 Fair Isle** 15th to 16th May, trapped 15th (R A Broad, J Potter *et al*) (*British Birds* 72: 542, 73: 466-470)

**White-throated Sparrow** *Zonotrichia albicollis* (12, 22)

**1909 Outer Hebrides** Eilean Mór, Flannan Isles, adult m, shot, 18th May (*Annals of Scottish Natural History* 1909: 246; *British Birds* 53: 97-98), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1934.61.1876)

**1966 Fair Isle** trapped, 13th May (G Barnes, R H & Mrs M T Dennis) (*British Birds* 60: 332)

**1970 Caithness** Sordale, Thurso, for about four months from early May (Dr P McMorran, P J Rodger, D M Stark) (*British Birds* 64: 366; *Scottish Birds* 6: 339)

**1971 Shetland** Whalsay, 1st November (J H Simpson) (*British Birds* 65: 349)

**1973 Shetland** Out Skerries, 5th to 15th May (D Coutts, I S Robertson, R J Tulloch *et al*) (*British Birds* 67: 34)

**1978 Fair Isle** trapped, 17th June (P J Ewins, I S Robertson, R A Williams *et al*) (*British Birds* 72: 542)

**1987 Shetland** Norwick, Unst, 13th to 15th May (G Gray, M Sinclair, I Spence *et al*) (*British Birds* 81: 591)

**1987 Shetland** Kergord, 16th June (C & D K Lamsdell) (*British Birds* 81: 591)

**1989 Shetland** Frakkafield, Lerwick, 27th to 28th May (Father P Barry *et al*) (*British Birds* 83: 489)

**1996 Orkney** North Ronaldsay, 23rd to 27th May (M Anderson, S D Stansfield *et al*) (*British Birds* 90: 510)

**1996 Shetland** Voe, first-winter, 26th September to 7th October (T J Wilson *et al*) (*British Birds* 90: 510)

**1998 Shetland** Noss, 8th June (J G Brown, A Upton, S C Votier *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 603)

[1867 Northeast Scotland]

This bird was exhibited, and a paper by Mr W. C. Angus of Aberdeen on its occurrence was read, at a meeting of the Natural History Society of Glasgow in March 1868 (*Proc. Nat. Hist. Soc. Glasgow*, i, 1869, pp. 209-211). It "was shot by Mr Mitchell on the 17th August, 1867, near the Broad Hill, on the Links of Aberdeen. It was put into my hands immediately after being procured, and I made a careful examination of the specimen before it was skinned. The following description and measurements of the bird were then taken ... Sex, female ... When shot it was perched on the top of a whin bush, and attracted Mr Mitchell's attention by its note, and the manner of flirting its tail. I have only to add that the bird bore no traces of having been in confinement, the wings, tail, and all the lower plumage, being quite clean." It was a female.

Mr Angus passed the specimen to Dr Dewar of Glasgow, from whom it was acquired by Mr A.B. Stewart, and with whose collection it went to the Glasgow Museum (reference "80-122 iy"). K. Williamson and C.E. Palmer (*British Birds*, vol. 48, 1955, p. 189-190) made a strong bid for this

bird's inclusion as a normal drift-migrant, but in June 1960 the BOURC (*Ibis*, vol. 120, p. 629) "considered but is not prepared to accept" this record. No reason was given.

References in *Zoologist* 1869:1547 and *Proc. Zool. Soc.* 1870: 52 have not been seen – not in SOC library.

**Dark-eyed Junco** *Junco hyemalis* (6, 24)

**1966 Shetland** Foula, 1st May (Mrs D M Gear) (*British Birds* 60: 332'). [Originally square bracketed by BBRC, but apparently now included in their totals]

**1967 Shetland** Foula, 10th May (A R Mainwood) (*British Birds* 61: 358)

**1969 Shetland** Out Skerries, 7th May (I S Robertson) (*British Birds* 63: 291; *Scottish Birds* 6: 53-54)

**1977 Highland** Glen Affric, Inverness-shire, 19th May (Mrs J Cardew, R J Miller) (*British Birds* 71: 527)

**1992 Clyde** Hamilton, 3rd to 4th May (I & Mrs J Sheddon *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 531; *Scottish Birds* 16: 280)

**2000 Caithness** Duncansby, m, 26th to 29th April (S Laybourne, D Watt) (*British Birds* 94: 498)

**Yellowhammer** *Emberiza citrinella*

**Continental European race, *E. c. citrinella*** (2+, ?)

**1911 Fair Isle** shot, 21st March, now in the National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 1912.38.6) (Baxter & Rintoul 1953, p. 747)

**1951 Fair Isle** 28th April (FIBO Bull 1951 No.2, p. 18; Baxter & Rintoul 1953, p. 747)

The status of this race in Scotland is unclear. These are the only published records, but it is possible that most, if not all, migrants in Shetland are of this race, and it could therefore be annual in small numbers.

**Cirl Bunting** *Emberiza cirius* (12\*, -)

**1920 Argyll** St Catherines, Upper Loch Fyne, pair, 6th June, m also on 10th (*British Birds* 14: 91)

**1928 Ayrshire** Eglinton, m (possibly in company of f), 8th May (*Scottish Naturalist* 1928: 94; Paton & Pike 1929, p.31)

**1928 Angus & Dundee** Parkhill, caught, 27th November (*Scottish Naturalist* 1929: 111)

**1935 Fife** Isle of May, f, trapped, 2nd September (*Scottish Naturalist* 1936: 128-129)

**1935 Fife** Isle of May, immature m, caught, 22nd September (*Scottish Naturalist* 1936: 128-129)

**1947 Fife** Isle of May, three mm, 27th October (*Scottish Naturalist* 1948: 183)

**1969 Dumfries & Galloway** Mull of Galloway, Wigtownshire, adult m, 17th August (*Scottish Birds* 6: 339)

**1976 Fife** Isle of May, caught, 11th June, had been ringed at Beachy Head, Sussex 27th July 1975 (*Scottish Birds* 9: 294, 296)

**1994 Orkney** Whitehall Village, Stronsay, first-winter f, 21st October (J Holloway) (*Scottish Bird Report* 1994: 65)

[Pre-1816 Lothian]

At a meeting of the Wernian Society held in Edinburgh on 3rd February 1816 (*Memoirs of Wernian Society*, vol. 2, p. 658) "the secretary read a communication from Mr [James] Wilson containing remarks on the characters of the Cirl Bunting, and announcing the fact of a specimen having been shot near Edinburgh, which specimen was preserved."

Listed by Saunders (1899, p. 211) and Baxter & Rintoul (1928). Neither Kirke Nashe (1935) nor Rintoul & Baxter (1935) include this record; Baxter & Rintoul (1953) later included it, but downgraded it as unsatisfactory.

[1837 Lothian]

Turnbull (1863) says "in vicinity of Edinburgh in 1837."

[Pre-1863 Lothian]

Turnbull (1863) says "obtained once in East Lothian."

[c.1840 Borders]

Gray (1871, p. 132) says "when visiting the Kelso Museum in November, 1868, I examined a male bird of this species, which Mr Heckford, the former curator, informed me had been stuffed by him about the year 1840. It was shot at Greenhill, near Yetholm, in Roxburghshire and brought to him in the flesh."

Listed by Saunders (1899, p. 211) and Baxter & Rintoul (1928), but later downgraded by Baxter and Rintoul (1953) as unsatisfactory.

[1863 Northeast Scotland]

Gray (1871, p. 132) quotes from a letter from Mr Angus: "In December, 1863, a friend sent me some small birds which he had kindly taken the trouble to kill for two kestrels which I then kept alive in confinement. He had procured the birds while woodcock shooting near Banchoy [Aberdeenshire], and on examining the lot I found a beautiful male Cirl Bunting." Listed by Saunders (1899, p. 211) and Baxter & Rintoul (1928) but later downgraded by Baxter and Rintoul (1953) as unsatisfactory.

[Pre-1886 Perthshire]

Drummond Hay (*Scottish Naturalist* 1886, p. 362) says "The nest and eggs of this species are said to have been found on Moncreiffe Hill, near Perth; but the bird has never been got (*vide* Mr. J. Stewart, Perth)."

[1908 Ayrshire]

Paton & Pike (1929, pp. 32) quote from the *Annals of the Kilmarnock Glenfield Ramblers' Society* (1907-1910, No. 6, p. 69) "Mr John M'Crindle, Dunure, observed a flock of five birds, apparently Cirl Buntings, throughout the latter months of 1908, feeding in company with other Buntings and Finches at some cornstacks. He communicated with Mr Thomas Morton, Newmilns, who visited the spot, and was satisfied as to their identity. For further corroboration they both examined a live specimen [apparently unrelated to the birds in question] in the possession of Mr Gavin Alston, of Darval, and both had no doubt that the five strange visitors to the cornstacks at Dunure were Cirl Buntings."

[1916 Ayrshire]

Paton & Pike (1929, p. 32) say "The following extract is from one of our diaries, 10th February 1916: 'West to south wind; thaw. Five to six Buntings on Troon links – like Cirl Buntings – with two stripes on head. May have been Yellow Buntings.'"

1920 Argyll

W. Stewart (*British Birds*, xiv, p. 91) wrote "On June 6th, 1920, at St. Catherines, Upper Loch Fyne, Argyll, I had good fortune to see a pair of Cirl Buntings ... I had ample time and opportunity to examine them minutely with binoculars at about fifteen yards' distance. The greenish coloured head and black markings on the throat rendered the male bird very conspicuous, compared with the more sombre-coloured female ... on the 10th I saw the male a little further along."

1928 Ayrshire

Paton & Pike (1929, pp. 31) say "On 8th May 1928 we saw a male bird of this species at Eglinton. It was on a patch of rushes growing in the mud of a partly dried pond, and allowed a very near approach. After watching it for some considerable time it flew a distance of about one hundred yards, and was joined by another bird, probably a hen."

[Pre-1935 Upper Forth/Perth & Kinross]

Rintoul & Baxter (1935) considered the following records "very unsatisfactory" and put them in square brackets: two specimens in Stirling Museum; 'Laihills, Dunblane' and 'near Stirling'.

### Cretzschmar's Bunting *Emberiza caesia* (3, 3)

1967 **Fair Isle** m, 10th to 20th June, trapped 14th (G J Barnes, R H Dennis, W N Landells *et al*) (*British Birds* 61: 359, 62: 144-148)

1979 **Fair Isle** m, 9th to 10th June (N R Jones, W E Oddie, I S Robertson *et al*) (*British Birds* 73: 528)

1998 **Orkney** Stronsay, m, 14th to 18th May (W Barkley, J F Holloway, S J Williams *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 499; *Birding World* 11: 192-193)

### Yellow-browed Bunting *Emberiza chrysophrys* (3, 5)

1980 **Fair Isle** m, age uncertain, 12th to 23rd October (P J Ewins, A R Kitson, I S Robertson *et al*) (*British Birds* 75: 530, 76: 217-225)

1992 **Orkney** North Ronaldsay, 22nd to 23rd September (P J Donnelly *et al*) (*British Birds* 86: 411-414)

1998 **Orkney** Hoy, 4th to 5th May (K Fairclough, M Gray *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 604; *Birding Scotland* 1: 112-113)

### Pallas's Bunting *Emberiza pallasi* (2, 3)

1976 **Fair Isle** adult f, 29th September to 11th October, trapped 10th (R A Broad, S G D Cook, A R Lowe *et al*) (*British Birds* 72: 543, 73: 402-408)

1981 **Fair Isle** first-year, trapped, 17th to 18th September (A Broome, N J Riddiford *et al*) (*British Birds* 75: 531)

### Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus* (1, 25)

1983 **Outer Hebrides** Newton, South Uist, first-winter m, 7th October, taken into care and died next day (I Macaskill, C H Pickup, Mrs B Wake) (*British Birds* 77: 560)

### Bobolink *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* (5, 23)

1975 **Shetland** Out Skerries, 18th September (C A Harbard, I Sandison, T A Walsh *et al*) (*British Birds* 70: 222)

1986 **Outer Hebrides** St Kilda, 28th September (D Miller) (*British Birds* 81: 593)

1986 **Fair Isle** 29th September to 2nd October (P V Harvey, N J Riddiford *et al*) (*British Birds* 80: 568; *Scottish Birds* 14: 256)

1998 **Shetland** Durigarth, 28th September to 5th October (K Osborn, G Peplow *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 606; *Shetland Bird Report* 1998: 95)

2000 **Shetland** Out Skerries, first-winter, 21st to 22nd September (P Forrest, M J McKee, C Turner, T Warwick) (*British Birds* 94: 500; *Shetland Bird Report* 2000: 98)

### Brown-headed Cowbird *Molathrus ater* (1, 1)

1988 **Argyll** Ardnave, Islay, m, 24th April (C R McKay) (*British Birds* 86: 536, 87: 284-288)

### Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula* (2, 20)

1974 **Fair Isle** immature, 19th to 20th September (R A Broad, A R & B R Dean *et al*) (*British Birds* 68: 330, *Scottish Birds* 10: 58-59)

1988 **Outer Hebrides** Benbecula, f or first-winter m, trapped, 30th September to 3rd October, probably present since about 22-24th (P R Boyer, T J Dix, Mr & Mrs C Heath *et al*) (*British Birds* 82: 559)

[1890 Shetland]

In December 1890, J.E. Harting (*Zoologist* 1890, p. 457) says "Mr. H. Dykes Lloyd has recently forwarded for identification a specimen of the Baltimore Oriole, *Icterus Baltimore* (Linn.), which was caught alive, in an exhausted condition, on the 26th of September last [1890], at Balta Sound, Shetland, by Mr. Andrew Anderson, a merchant of that place. Mr Lloyd, for whom this bird has been preserved, writes word that another of the same species was seen on the same day at Haroldswick, but was not obtained. This species is so frequently imported to England from New York as a cage bird that we may not unreasonably assume that the pair which found their way to Shetland may have made their escape on being landed at Liverpool" Also documented in *Scottish Naturalist* 1891, p. 43 where it says "Mr Harting, who considers it an immature female."

This record was resurrected by Alexander & Fitter (1955) as "another presumed drift-migrant" (*British Birds* 48: 13 and *Scottish Naturalist* 1957: 38), but was not accepted by BOURC (1971).

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### Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber* (2, 9 since 1958)

1988 **Shetland** Pool of Virkie, 27th to 31st May (P V Harvey, Mrs L Marshall *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 555)

1994 **Northeast Scotland** Ythan estuary, adult, 31st May to 28th June (S M D Alexander, P Shepherd *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 555)

These 2 records are the only ones, so far, to be admitted to this Category by the BOU.

### Baikal Teal *Anas formosa* (2, 4)

1958 **Moray & Nairn** Loch Spynie, Moray, f, shot, 5th February (Major Brander-Dunbar per Dr J S Ash and the late Dr J M Harrison) (*British Birds* 74: 460), specimen at Harrison Zoological Museum, Kent

1973 **Dumfries & Galloway** Caerlaverock, m, 19th February to 7th April (D J Britton, P G Lansdown, B Little) (*British Birds* 73: 530)

[1954 Fair Isle]

Fair Isle 30 Sep 1954 (BB 74: 321).

### Falcated Duck *Anas falcata* (2, 16)

1998 **Clyde** Merryton Haugh, m, 8th to 15th March and 1st November to 24th May 1999 (A I English *et al*) (*British Birds* 92: 607)

2000 **Orkney** Shapinsay, m, found shot, 24th November (I Dillon *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 501), specimen at National Museums of Scotland (NMSZ 2002.86)

### Saker Falcon *Falco cherrug* (3, 3?)

1976 **Shetland** Out Skerries, 1st to 5th October (D L Clugston) (*British Birds* 73: 530)

1978 **Shetland** Fetlar, 27th to 29th May (J F Cooper, J N Dymond) (*British Birds* 72: 544)

1986 **Fair Isle** first-winter, 23rd October to 3rd December (D R Bird, M G Pennington, N J Riddiford *et al*) (*British Birds* 83: 492)

### Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica* (1, 1)

1992 **Fair Isle** first-summer, trapped, 1st to 2nd July (P V Harvey *et al*) (*Ibis* 136: 254; *Birding World* 5: 252-255; *British Birds* 87: 247-252)

### Daurian Starling *Sturnus sturninus* (2, 3)

1985 **Fair Isle** m, 7th to 28th May, trapped 21st (P V Harvey, N J Riddiford, K B Shepherd *et al*) (*British Birds* 82: 603-612; *Ibis* 136: 497)

**1998 Highland** Durness, Sutherland, age uncertain, 24th to 27th September (A Vittery *et al*) (*British Birds* 94: 501)

**Chestnut Bunting** *Emberiza rutila* (4, 5)

**1974 Shetland** Foula, adult m, 9th to 13th July (B L & R W Furness, M J Wareing *et al*) (*British Birds* 70: 444)

**1985 Fife** Isle of May, first-year f, trapped, 11th June (K Brockie, Dr M P Harris *et al*) (*British Birds* 80: 568)

**1986 Fair Isle** first-summer m, trapped, 15th to 16th June (K Osborn, N J Riddiford, A Whittaker *et al*) (*British Birds* 80: 568)

**1994 Shetland** Out Skerries, f, 2nd to 5th September, trapped 3rd (J F & Mrs D R Cooper, J D Okill *et al*) (*British Birds* 88: 556; *Shetland Bird Report* 1994: 96-97)

**Blue Grosbeak** *Guriaca caerulea* (3, ?)

**1970 Shetland** Out Skerries, m, mid to 26th August (R J Tulloch) (*Scottish Birds* 6: 397)

**1972 Highland** Kiltartilly, Inverness, imm m, 10th to 11th March (M I Harvey) (*British Birds* 66: 360)

**1977 Borders** Inner Huntly, Etrick, Selkirkshire, m, dead, 22nd May (A J Smith) (*Scottish Birds* 10: 153)

**Indigo Bunting** *Passerina purpleea* (1, ?)

**1964 Fair Isle** m, 3rd to 7th August (R H Dennis *et al*) (*British Birds* 73: 531)

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**[Willow Tit** *Parus montanus*  
**North-eastern European and Siberian race** *P. m. borealis* (?0, 1)]

A sight record on Fair Isle on 3rd November 1935 (George Stout) was considered to be 'perhaps this race' (BOU 1971), and a sight record in Glen Esk (Angus & Dundee) on 4th December 1993 (*Scottish Bird Report* 1993, 56) should probably be re-assessed.

**[Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus*  
White-headed race, *A. c. caudatus* (?1, -)]**

**2000 Shetland** Symbister, Whalsay, "one of the white-headed races", 31st October (J L Irvine, M Williamson)  
(*Shetland Bird Report* 2000: 96)

**[1959 Upper Forth]**

*Scottish Birds* 1: 212 "On 8th November at Herbertshire Estate, Bonnybridge, Stirling, a Long-tailed Tit was seen which resembled the northern race *A. c. caudatus*: it had a pure white head and its upperparts were also whiter than those of about ten Long-tailed Tit with striped heads with which it was associating (R Logan)."

*Scottish Birds* 1: 446 Not included on the Scottish List, but included for general information: "One seen at Bonnybridge, Stirling, 9th November 1959 resembled the Northern race *A. c. caudatus* (SB 1: 212). If accepted, this would be the first definite Scottish record; there is, however, the observation by Dr F Darling (see *Birds of Scotland* 139-140) that white-headed birds occur in west Sutherland and Loch Broom area, and intermediate forms as far south as Sunart, north Argyll, in the breeding season."