

## *The Bulletin of the Kent Listers Club*

**For those who have seen 300 species of birds in Kent or are interested in doing so**

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### **Introduction**

All the information is based on 20 lists received so far ie. the current membership. These represent many but not all of the top listers in Kent. If you know of anyone else whose list is over 300 or just bubbling under please try to persuade them to fill in a check list (a list is attached for you to copy to others).

The Kent list currently stands, officially, at 392 and, in addition, for our purposes I have included another two seen by most observers and confidently expected to be accepted. These are Isabelline Wheatear and Little Crake. Of these 394 species, 248 (63%) have been seen by all 20 listers, a staggering 106 (27%) by some but not all and 40 (10%) by none of us. Individually, we have seen between 85.3% and 75.1% of the Kent list and the table attached shows that there are few large gaps between listers; six between Jack Chantler in 11th place and John Tilbrook in 12th is the largest except for Andy Appleton in 20th place who has some work to do 13 behind Martin Warburton and Chris Bond. Curiously, there are seven pairs of listers who share the same total!

### **Where were you?**

Some great birds have been seen in Kent many lingering long enough to get on most birders lists. However, there are always a few who don't make it. For example:

|                            |   |  |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Squacco Heron              | - | Terry Laws   |
| Lesser White-fronted Goose |   | Phil Chantler, David Tipling                           |
| White-tailed Eagle         | - | Phil Chantler, Nigel Jarman                            |
| Little Crake               | - | Barry Wright, Terry Laws                               |
| Oriental Pratincole        | - | Chris Abrams, Phil Chantler, Nigel Jarman, Chris Bond  |
| Pacific Golden Plover      | - | Jack and Phil Chantler                                 |
| Sociable Plover            | - | Dave Gilbert, Nigel Jarman, Andy Appleton              |
| Baird's Sandpiper          | - | Brendan Ryan   |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper     |   | Andy Appleton  |
| Great Spotted Cuckoo       |   | John Tilbrook, Brendan Ryan, Phil Chantler             |
| Blyth's Pipit              | - | Don Taylor, John Tilbrook, David Tipling, Nigel Jarman |
| Booted Warbler             | - | Martin Coath, Chris Bond                               |
| Arctic Warbler             | - | Barry Wright, Chris Abrams, David Tipling              |
| Golden-winged Warbler      |   | Nigel Jarman   |

## **I didn't know you were that old!**

Some birds owe their exclusivity to having occurred so long ago. The granddaddy of all birds must be the Nutcracker last twitchable in 1969: 28 years ago! Lucky veterans of pre-Thatcherite times included:

|                     |      |   |  |
|---------------------|------|---|--|
| Nutcracker          | 1969 | - | Don Taylor, Geoff Burton, John Cantelo                                       |
| Cirl Bunting        | 1970 | - | Dave Gilbert   |
| Slender-billed Gull | 1971 | - | John Cantelo, Martin Coath   |
| Alpine Accentor     | 1976 | - | Chris Abrams   |
| Blue-winged Teal    | 1978 | - | Don Taylor, John Cantelo, Chris Abrams, Jack and Phil Chantler, Martin Coath |

## **Jammy Bastards!**

Actually, when you look at it more closely, such grippers are often a reward for dogged patchwork, or lingering on at a site after others have reasonably given up and gone home. When will the rest of us claw back the following:

|                           |   |                             |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Greater Sand Plover       | - | Terry Laws                  |
| Lesser Crested Tern       | - | Dave Gilbert, Barry Wright  |
| Bridled Tern              | - | Barry Wright                |
| White-throated Needletail |   | Don Taylor                  |
| Black-throated Thrush     |   | Marcus Lawson, Barry Wright |
| Parrot Crossbill          | - | Geoff Burton, Barry Wright  |
| Yellow-breasted Bunting   |   | Dave Gilbert                |

Nevertheless, there is no excuse for Barry Wright appearing on the list for four of these seven species!

## **Saddos**

Your compassion is invited for those amongst us who have still to see species that the rest of us ticked long ago. If you see any of the following please give them a ring:

|                         |   |                              |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Night Heron             | - | Jack Chantler                |
| Purple Heron            | - | Chris Bond                   |
| American Wigeon         | - | Jack and Phil Chantler       |
| Honey Buzzard           | - | Chris Abrams                 |
| Buzzard                 | - | Martin Warburton             |
| Red-footed Falcon       | - | Terry Laws                   |
| Spotted Crake           | - | Phil Chantler, David Tipling |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | - | Phil Chantler                |
| Grey Phalarope          | - | Andy Appleton                |
| Long-tailed Skua        | - | David Tipling                |
| Sabine's Gull           | - | Martin Coath                 |
| Whiskered Tern          | - | Phil Chantler, Terry Laws    |

## More saddos

|                       |   |                                 |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Little Auk            | - | Andy Appleton                   |
| Alpine Swift          | - | Chris Bradshaw                  |
| Richard's Pipit       | - | John Tilbrook, Chris Bond       |
| Bluethroat            | - | Geoff Burton, John Tilbrook     |
| Savi's Warbler        | - | Andy Appleton                   |
| Great Reed Warbler    | - | Phil Chantler                   |
| Icterine Warbler      | - | Martin Coath                    |
| Melodious Warbler     | - | John Tilbrook, Terry Laws       |
| Greenish Warbler      | - | David Tipling, Martin Warburton |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | - | Martin Warburton                |
| Dusky Warbler         | - | Martin Warburton, Andy Appleton |
| Golden Oriole         | - | Martin Warburton, Andy Appleton |
| Isabelline Shrike     | - | David Tipling                   |
| Serin                 | - | Chris Bond                      |

## 1997 - the year so far

The first six months have not provided a feast of new birds for any Kent list. As far as I can tell, none of us has added more than three species to their list during this period whilst one only got on to the scoresheet with Black-headed Bunting on July 1.

The year began with a Raven of unknown origin (innocent until proved guilty beyond all reasonable doubt but read on) playing hard to get as it roamed around the Dungeness area and up and down the coast. Three listers already had this species but, of the rest, only Barry Wright managed, on 25th January, to make contact. Later there was an apparently good opportunity to see this bird as it lingered around the trapping area for several hours on Saturday 5th April but as far as I know, no-one got to it. Speaking to Wesley Attridge he told me that an individual he and Barry Banson had seen from the sea-watch hide a few weeks earlier had a damaged tail whereas the bird in the trapping area had missing primaries. Murray Wright who saw the latter bird said it appeared to be dangling one of its legs! It's all sounding a bit dodgy but one rumour, that Ravens had been released at Beachy Head, is discounted by Wesley as Sussex birders who would have known about it do not.

Much more satisfactory, much rarer and untainted by doubts about its provenance, was the adult male Little Crake found by Chas and Marguerite Langton at Bough Beech Reservoir on 23rd March, a first for Kent which stayed for another seven days. 18 listers saw the bird, 17 of them on the first day but Marcus Lawson had to sweat it out until the Monday evening as he had gone to see Oldham v Crystal Palace (0-1) on the Sunday (two sad hobbies!). Unfortunately, the bird left a couple of days too early for Barry Wright and Terry Laws returning from the Dominican Republic.

A superb start to the spring but this early promise was not sustained. Brendan Ryan's brief encounter with a Bee-eater at St Margaret's on 9th May was a short-lived triumph. He was the sixth lister to add this splendid bird to his list but only six days later, with the arrival of the Birchington Six who roosted overnight in a sycamore tree in someone's back garden in

Birchington, those with Bee-eater on their list rose to 15. The only other truly twitchable bird was the Short-toed Lark at Dumpton Gap over the Whitsun weekend needed by Phil Chantler and Martin Warburton and duly signed up by them. There were many minor rarities that are required by some listers which appeared briefly but not to the listers who needed them. They included Night Heron, Honey Buzzard, Black and Red Kite, Red-footed Falcon, Caspian and Gull-billed Terns, several more Bee-eaters, Alpine Swift, Icterine Warbler, Golden Oriole and Scarlet Rosefinch.

Initial reaction to the news that there was a Spur-winged Plover at Stodmarsh in June was cautious if not dismissive. However, as more people drifted down to see it, and birders from other counties began to show an interest, the case for taking it seriously began to emerge. It was unringed (previous records all sported giveaway jewellery) ; it was in immaculate plumage; it is migratory in the northern part of its range and its brief earlier appearance at Stodmarsh on 30th April fitted in well with the arrival of the Landguard Spectacled Warbler; it behaved naturally, foot-paddling at Stodmarsh, washing its food before eating it at Dungeness; it spent sometime in May in the Netherlands and the Dutch are taking it seriously (they always do). Against this, and perhaps one distinction from Sociable or White-tailed Plovers, is its popularity in collections. However, it should be submitted to BB and then the BOURC can worry about it. A typically robust defence of this bird's right to British Citizenship can be found in *Birding World* for June 1997.

As I write this I know that most of members have seen the bird. Many have made it clear that they didn't rush down; they were shopping in Canterbury anyway or similar disclaimer and others, missing it at Stodmarsh had to rush down to Dungeness or back from Alaska to see it.. But they did see it!

In summary, the first six months of the year produced three major twitches for Kent listers. The new for Kent Little Crake in March was seen by 18 of the top 20 listers. The Bee-eater in May was new for nine listers and this species has now been seen by 15 listers. The Black-headed Bunting at Capel Fleet on the last day of June, which stayed for seven days, was an addition to nine lists. Now John Tilbrook and Barry Wright who were in Papua New Guinea are the only listers who still need this bean feast.

In this rather quiet six months no-one has amassed more than three new species for their Kent list although seven have added three species, two with the help of the Bough Beech Citrine Wagtail. Nine have added two species and four only one (strictly none in the case of Terry Laws who didn't see the Black-headed Bunting until 1st July). There has, therefore, been little movement up or down the table during this period with Chris Abrams dropping from 6th to 8th the most significant.

## **What should we count?**

Basically, what is accepted by the KOS, or the BBRC where appropriate, but there are a number of issues worth airing and upon which your views would be welcome.

### Snow Goose

As far as I am aware, there are no records of Snow Geese in Kent of unequivocally wild origin and yet it is on the Kent list and 13 out of our 20 lists. So we are relying on circumstantial evidence to tip the balance in favour of acceptance. The most convincing circumstantial evidence of the occurrence of wild birds in Kent is attached to a flock of 17 which were seen flying down the Thames off Broadness and then pitched into Cliffe Quarries. Later a flock of an identical number and adult/immature, white/blue phase mix was seen in the Netherlands and one of these birds was noted to be sporting a ring which identified its wild origins in Manitoba, Canada. Unfortunately, none of us saw them. However, a second group of eight Snow Geese at Elmley is presumably the excuse for most of us to include the species on our lists. One of these bore a metal ring! Another circumstantial argument is based on association. This is the basis for the argument for the genuineness of two lone Snow Geese in Norfolk last winter. These were in the company of Whooper Swans and Pink-footed Geese and conceivably joined the flocks in Iceland where genuine vagrant Snow Geese are not that uncommon. I think the circumstantial evidence is sufficient to give them the benefit of the doubt although who's to say escaped or feral birds could not infiltrate these flocks. It is a pity that such flocks, with or without attachments, do not occur in Kent. A third claim for the wild origin of birds is based on behaviour and, in particular, wariness as being the hallmark of a wild bird. This is, I believe, the basis upon which claims for the wild origin of three Snow geese present in the Dungeness area this winter are made. I am myself wary as to the usefulness of this argument. If birds are in the company of other geese, they may take their cue from them, if they are alone they may be tamer than they would normally. In an unusual situation, such as vagrancy or escape from captivity, birds may behave in unusual ways.

It is always going to be a matter of judgment. If we demand proof we will rarely get it and the baby is lost with the bath water, if we count them all we devalue them. All I can suggest is that when records are submitted to the KOS, they are backed up with arguments for and against and the KOS should decide.

### Red Kite

The problem with this species is also one of origin but not necessarily where it is in doubt. The introduction programme in England and Scotland is proving very successful and a number of wing-tagged Red Kites are now being seen in Kent. The most significant of these was an individual which was present on the Isle of Sheppey from early October 1996 to the end of the year and consequently was seen by many people. This bird was not one released in the programme but the offspring of released birds. Should it be counted? As part of a re-introduction programme, we might argue that we should wait until the population is self-sustaining but there are a number of practical problems with this approach which relate to distinguishing the re-introduced birds from genuinely wild ones. Presumably, at some stage,

the wing-tagging of the offspring of introduced birds will cease and possibly, in the future if not already, some breeding birds may escape attention. In addition it is quite conceivable to see such a striking a bird well enough to identify it without, because of distance or angle, being sure whether it was wing-tagged or not. Alan Woodcock is unsure whether his Red Kite at New Hythe on 1st January was wing-tagged and watching the Sheppey bird over the Swale Reserve from the South Swale for an extended period, I was only just able to discern that there was something flapping on the wing. Don Taylor's bird over his local patch at the end of May was too high up to tell. My view is that we should not count birds known to be of introduced stock for the time-being. This is the line Barry and I have taken with the Kent list but the views of others are welcome.

### Heard only birds

I note from the lists that some of us are unsure whether or not to count birds heard but not seen. Personally, I do not have any species on my list in that category, although Red-throated Pipit at Swalecliffe, picked out amongst a flock of Meadow Pipits solely on call, comes pretty close. However, I think that if, one of these days, I'm lucky enough to hear a Corncrake calling from an impenetrable (with the naked eye) crop, I will count it rather than raise the crop to the ground! Do those with heard only birds not on their list want to count them? Does anyone think we shouldn't?

### **Norfolk**

I have often heard arguments as to the relative merits of Kent and Norfolk as bird-watching counties. I had heard it suggested that the total number of species recorded in each county was about the same and so your intrepid reporter investigated. Unfortunately, it seems that Norfolk is years ahead of Kent in terms of its county list and its county listers. The following comparisons are telling:

|             | <b>Kent (1997)</b> | <b>Norfolk (1996)</b> |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Total       | 394                | 405                   |
| Top ten     | 353                | 375                   |
| Top lister  | 336                | 365                   |
| 10th lister | 322                | 352                   |

It is interesting to note that none of the Norfolk's top ten have seen Melodious Warbler and only two have seen Bee-eater and, in contrast, all but one have seen Great Snipe, Lesser Crested Tern, Snowy Owl, Roller, Rose-coloured Starling and Yellow-breasted Bunting and all have seen Greater Yellowlegs and Blyth's Reed Warbler.

With the help of former Kent birder, now resident of Norwich, Dave Appleton, I have compiled this up-to-date list of the differences between the two counties lists:

### **Kent**

Black Duck  
Lesser Kestrel  
American Coot  
Royal Tern  
Forster's Tern  
Bridled Tern  
Needle-tailed Swift  
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater  
Crested Lark  
Rufous Bush Robin  
Swainson's Thrush  
Moustached Warbler  
Short-toed Treecreeper  
Chough  
Red-eyed Vireo  
Pine Grosbeak  
Golden-winged Warbler  
Yellowthroat  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Rock Bunting

### **Norfolk**

Pied-billed Grebe  
Fea's Petrel\*  
Black-capped Petrel  
Steller's Eider  
Buffelhead  
Golden Pheasant  
Allen's Gallinule  
Caspian Plover  
Red-necked Stint  
Little Whimbrel  
Solitary Sandpiper  
Franklin's Gull  
Ross's Gull  
Rufous Turtle Dove  
Pacific Swift  
White-winged Lark  
White's Thrush  
Siberian Thrush  
Fan-tailed Warbler  
Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler  
Lanceolated Warbler  
River Warbler  
Paddyfield Warbler  
Blyth's Reed Warbler  
Ruppell's Warbler  
Red-breasted Nuthatch  
Rock Sparrow  
Black-and-white Warbler  
Lark Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
Pine Bunting  
Yellow-browed Bunting

It is interesting to note that eight of Kent's exclusive species (40%) are from the New World as are seven on the Norfolk list. Norfolk scores particularly heavily with Old World warblers most of which have been seen quite recently and has four additional waders on its list.

## **Conclusion**

It does seem that Kent listing has really taken off with many observers now determined to make up for past omissions and I would expect the second half of the year to see many observers homing in on so-called soft tar(ge)ts. I hope to produce another bulletin at the end of the year. It would be helpful if you would let me know as soon as you add a species to your list so that **the** list can be kept up-to-date (it can be found on the KOS web-site on the internet at <http://www.kentaccess.org.uk/kos>).

There are three annexes to this bulletin. These are the top 20 list, a complete breakdown on who has and has not seen what species, and telephone numbers of members.

Finally, I have checked over 6,000 "ticks" and so some errors are more than likely to have crept in. I should be grateful to be put right about them and any comments, constructive or otherwise, and ideas for a second bulletin would be welcome.

Geoffrey Burton  
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|                            | DCG | DWT | GJAB | JC | MJL | BEW | MCB | CDA | CGB | MC | JRC | JET | BAR | DJT | FJC | NLJ | TPL | CB | MAW | AJA | Total |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-------|
| Cory's Shearwater          | x   |     |      |    |     |     |     | x   |     |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 2     |
| Sooty Shearwater           | x   | x   | x    | x  |     |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 17    |
| Mediterranean Shearwater   | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 17    |
| Storm Petrel               | x   | x   |      | x  |     |     |     | x   | x   |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 7     |
| Leach's Petrel             | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 17    |
| Night Heron                | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 19    |
| Squacco Heron              | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 19    |
| Cattle Egret               | x   |     | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 10    |
| Great White Egret          | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 15    |
| Purple Heron               | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 19    |
| Black Stork                | x   | x   |      |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 3     |
| Lesser White-fronted Goose | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 18    |
| Snow Goose                 | x   | x   |      | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 13    |
| Egyptian Goose             | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 17    |
| American Wigeon            | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 18    |
| Blue-winged Teal           |     | x   |      | x  |     |     |     | x   | x   |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 6     |
| Ring-necked Duck           | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 13    |
| Honey Buzzard              | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 19    |
| Black Kite                 | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 14    |
| Red Kite                   | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 15    |
| White-tailed Eagle         | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 18    |
| Goshawk                    | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 17    |
| Buzzard                    | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 19    |
| Red-footed Falcon          | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 19    |
| Quail                      | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 18    |
| Spotted Crane              | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 18    |
| Little Crane               | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 18    |
| Corncrake                  | x   | x   |      |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 3     |
| Great Bustard              | x   | x   | x    |    |     |     |     | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 7     |
| Black-winged Stilt         | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 14    |
| Stone Curlew               |     | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 12    |
| Collared Pratincole        | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 19    |
| Oriental Pratincole        | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 16    |
| Greater Sand Plover        |     |     |      |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 1     |
| American Golden Plover     | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 15    |
| Pacific Golden Plover      | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 18    |
| Sociable Plover            |     | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 17    |
| Semi-palmated Sandpiper    | x   |     | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 12    |
| Least Sandpiper            | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 16    |
| Baird's Sandpiper          | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 19    |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper     | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 19    |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper    | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 19    |
| Lesser Yellowlegs          | x   | x   |      | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 11    |
| Terek Sandpiper            |     | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 11    |
| Spotted Sandpiper          | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 11    |
| Wilson's Phalarope         | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   |     | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 13    |

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|---------------------------|-----|-----|------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-------|
| Grey Phalarope            | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   |     | 19    |
| Long-tailed Skua          | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 19    |
| Sabine's Gull             | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 19    |
| Slender-billed Gull       |     |     |      | x  |     |     |     |     |     | x  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 2     |
| Gull-billed Tern          | x   |     |      |    |     |     |     |     |     |    | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 3     |
| Caspian Tern              | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   |     | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   |     | x  |     | x   | 16    |
| Lesser Crested Tern       | x   |     |      |    |     | x   |     |     |     |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 2     |
| Bridled Tern              |     |     |      |    |     | x   |     |     |     |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 1     |
| Whiskered Tern            | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 18    |
| Black Gullmot             | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   |    |     |     |     |     |     |     | x   |    |     |     | 12    |
| Little Auk                | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 19    |
| Puffin                    | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 15    |
| Great Spotted Cuckoo      | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 17    |
| White-throated Needletail |     |     |      |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 1     |
| Pallid Swift              | x   | x   | x    |    |     |     |     | x   |     | x  | x   | x   |     | x   |     |     |     |    |     |     | 9     |
| Alpine Swift              | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 19    |
| Bee-eater                 | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 15    |
| Richard's Pipit           | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 18    |
| Blyth's Pipit             | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 16    |
| Olive-backed Pipit        | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 12    |
| Red-throated Pipit        |     |     |      |    |     |     |     |     |     | x  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 2     |
| Citrine Wagtail           |     |     |      |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 4     |
| Alpine Accentor           |     |     |      |    |     | x   |     |     |     |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 1     |
| Bluethroat                | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 18    |
| Isabelline Wheatear       | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 15    |
| Pied Wheatear             |     |     |      |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 9     |
| Black-eared Wheatear      |     |     |      |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 8     |
| Rock Thrush               | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 17    |
| Black-throated Thrush     |     |     |      |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |     | 2     |
| Savi's Warbler            | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 19    |
| Aquatic Warbler           | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 13    |
| Great Reed Warbler        | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 19    |
| Booted Warbler            | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 18    |
| Icterine Warbler          | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 19    |
| Melodious Warbler         | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 18    |
| Sardinian Warbler         | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 16    |
| Desert Warbler            | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 12    |
| Barred Warbler            | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 17    |
| Greenish Warbler          | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 18    |
| Arctic Warbler            | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 17    |
| Yellow-browed Warbler     | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 19    |
| Roadside Warbler          | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 14    |
| Dusky Warbler             | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 18    |
| Bonelli's Warbler         | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 17    |
| Collared Flycatcher       | x   | x   | x    | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x  | x   | x   | 15    |

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| Golden Oriole           | x   | x   | x    | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   |     |     | 18    |
| Isabelline Shrike       | x   | x   | x    | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | 19    |
| Nutcracker              |     | x   | x    | x   |     |     |     |     |     | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Raven                   | x   |     |      |     | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3     |
| Serin                   | x   | x   | x    | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | 19    |
| Arctic Redpoll          |     | x   | x    | x   | x   |     |     |     |     | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   |     |     |     | 15    |
| Parrot Crossbill        |     |     | x    |     | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Scarlet Rosefinch       | x   | x   | x    |     | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | 17    |
| Golden-winged Warbler   | x   | x   | x    | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | 19    |
| Cirl Bunting            | x   |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Ortolan Bunting         | x   | x   | x    | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | 16    |
| Rustic Bunting          | x   | x   | x    | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | 16    |
| Little Bunting          |     |     |      | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     | x   | x   |     |     | x   |     |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Yellow-breasted Bunting | x   |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Black-headed Bunting    | x   | x   | x    | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | 18    |
| Total                   | 88  | 87  | 82   | 79  | 79  | 77  | 77  | 76  | 76  | 74  | 73  | 67  | 67  | 65  | 65  | 63  | 63  | 61  | 60  | 48  | 106   |
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