

Shoreham District Ornithological Society

Species List at January 2026 (notes at end)

	Species	Taxon	County and BoCC status	Years recorded
1	Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	Rare introduced resident and winter visitor; subject to culling to reduce numbers.	6
2	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	Fairly common resident.	26
3	Bewick's Swan	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	Scarce winter visitor and very scarce passage migrant.	23
4	Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	Very scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.	10
5	Brent Goose	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	Very common winter visitor and passage migrant; very scarce non-breeder in summer.	26
6	Red-breasted Goose	<i>Branta ruficollis</i>	Very rare vagrant.	5
7	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Common introduced resident and partial migrant.	26
8	Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Very scarce winter visitor; often in severe weather; increasingly common naturalised resident.	16
9	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	Increasingly common introduced resident and winter visitor; scarce passage migrant. (Native population in UK is Amber listed species of medium conservation concern).	26
10	White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant. European race (A. a. albifrons) is red listed species of high conservation concern.	18
11	Tundra Bean Goose	<i>Anser serrirostris</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.	4
12	Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Very scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.	1
13	Taiga Bean Goose	<i>Anser fabalis</i>	Rare winter visitor.	3
14	Mandarin Duck	<i>Aix galericulata</i>	Scarce introduced resident.	20
15	Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	Scarce but increasing introduced resident; bred for first time in 2000.	22
16	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Fairly common winter visitor and scarce passage migrant; scarce breeding species.	26
17	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	Breeds in SE Europe and across central and east Asia with naturalised populations in central Europe. Rare vagrant from wild or naturalised populations or escape from captivity.	2
18	Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Very scarce to scarce passage migrant and winter visitor; rare non-breeder in summer.	22
19	Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant; very scarce non-breeder in summer.	26
20	Common Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	Common spring passage migrant and fairly common winter visitor; usually scarce in summer and autumn. Very scarce inland.	26
21	Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	Rare vagrant.	1
22	Velvet Scoter	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	Scarce passage migrant and winter visitor along the coast; rare inland.	26
23	Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Scarce winter visitor; rare non-breeder in summer.	20
24	Smew	<i>Mergellus albellus</i>	Very scarce winter visitor mainly to the east of the county.	1
25	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	Fairly common winter visitor and passage migrant along the coast; rare non-breeder in summer. Rare inland.	26
26	Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant. First bred 2023	24
27	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	Possibly a rare winter visitor and passage migrant although most records probably relate to escaped or naturalised birds.	1
28	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Very scarce breeder; scarce summer non-breeder and fairly common winter visitor. Very scarce on observed passage.	26
29	Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	Rare vagrant.	1
30	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Fairly common resident although scarce breeder; fairly common winter visitor and scarce on observed passage.	26
31	Greater Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>	Very scarce winter visitor and passage migrant; rare non-breeder in summer.	12
32	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>	Scarce passage migrant; very scarce summer non-breeder and rare breeder.	24

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33	Blue-winged Teal	<i>Spatula discors</i>	Very rare vagrant.	1
34	Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	Very scarce breeder and scarce summer non-breeder; common winter visitor; scarce on observed passage.	26
35	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	Very scarce breeder and scarce summer non-breeder; fairly common winter visitor; scarce on observed passage.	26
36	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>	Very common winter visitor; scarce on observed passage. Very scarce in summer; does not breed.	26
37	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Common resident and winter visitor.	26
38	Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Fairly common winter visitor; scarce on observed passage; occasionally summers and has bred.	26
39	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Rare breeder and and scarce summering non-breeder; common winter visitor and fairly common on observed passage.	26
40	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	Scarce resident; much declined but benefiting locally through conservation effort.	26
41	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Very common introduced resident. Population augmented annually by captive bred stock.	26
42	Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Scarce summer visitor; recorded in variable numbers from year to year. Formerly occasional in winter.	25
43	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	Common introduced resident. Population augmented annually by captive bred stock.	26
44	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Scarce resident; passage migrant and fairly common winter visitor.	26
45	Slavonian Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.	25
46	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	Very scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.	23
47	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Fairly common resident; passage migrant and winter visitor.	26
48	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	Very scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.	23
49	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>	Native to Iberia and Morocco; with fragmented populations through central and southeast Europe to Turkey and east to central Siberia. Extinct in Great Britain in 1832; since 2013 it has been the subject of a re-introduction programme led by the Great Bustard Group in Wiltshire; under licence from DEFRA.	0
50	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	Formerly rare; now very rare vagrant.	0
51	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>	Very rare vagrant.	1
52	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Fairly common but declining summer visitor.	26
53	Pallas's Sandgrouse	<i>Syrrhaptes paradoxus</i>	Formerly a rare vagrant.	0
54	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Scarce and declining summer visitor and passage migrant.	26
55	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Very common resident.	26
56	Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Abundant resident and winter visitor.	26
57	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Common resident.	26
58	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	Common resident and possible winter visitor.	26
59	Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	Very scarce passage migrant and winter visitor. Rare in summer.	5
60	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	Scarce resident; scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.	26
61	Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>	Rare passage migrant; formerly bred.	2
62	Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i>	Rare passage migrant and winter visitor.	1
63	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Very common resident; possibly fairly common winter visitor but status uncertain.	26
64	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Fairly common resident and common winter visitor.	26
65	Little Crake	<i>Zapornia parva</i>	Rare vagrant.	0
66	Baillon's Crake	<i>Zapornia pusilla</i>	Very rare vagrant.	0
67	Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>	Scarce breeding summer visitor and passage migrant.	10
68	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant; scarce and localised breeder.	25

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70	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Scarce breeder; fairly common passage migrant and common winter visitor.	26
71	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Common winter visitor and passage migrant.	26
72	Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	Common winter visitor and passage migrant; rare in summer.	26
73	Dotterel	<i>Eudromias morinellus</i>	Very scarce spring and autumn passage migrant; one winter record.	8
74	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Scarce breeder; fairly common passage migrant and winter visitor.	26
75	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Thinornis dubius</i>	Scarce breeding summer visitor and passage migrant.	19
76	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Scarce or fairly common resident and very common winter visitor.	26
77	Sociable Plover	<i>Vanellus gregarius</i>	Very rare vagrant.	0
78	Kentish Plover	<i>Anarhynchus alexandrinus</i>	Very scarce spring and autumn passage migrant; formerly bred.	3
79	Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Common passage migrant; very scarce non-breeding summering and wintering species.	26
80	Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	Common passage migrant and winter visitor; formerly a very scarce breeder.	26
81	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Fairly common winter visitor and passage migrant.	26
82	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Fairly common but localised winter visitor and passage migrant; scarce non-breeder in summer.	25
83	Jack Snipe	<i>Lymnocyrtus minimus</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.	25
84	Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	Probably fairly common resident and winter visitor.	25
85	Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>	Very rare vagrant.	0
86	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Very scarce breeder and fairly common winter visitor.	26
87	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Fairly common passage migrant; very scarce in winter. Has bred at least once.	26
88	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	Very rare vagrant.	0
89	Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	Very scarce autumn and rare winter visitor; usually occurs after gales.	12
90	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	Rare spring and autumn passage migrant.	2
91	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Scarce spring and autumn passage migrant; more frequent in autumn; scarce in winter.	26
92	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Very scarce spring and scarce autumn passage migrant; very rare in winter.	6
93	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Scarce resident; common winter visitor and autumn passage migrant; fairly common spring migrant.	26
94	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	Scarce passage migrant and very scarce winter visitor.	7
95	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Fairly common passage migrant; scarce in winter.	26
96	Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Fairly common winter visitor and passage migrant; scarce non-breeder in summer. Rare away from coast.	26
97	Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Fairly common winter visitor and scarce to fairly common passage migrant. Rare away from the coast.	26
98	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.	19
99	Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris falcinellus</i>	Very rare vagrant.	0
100	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Passage migrant; scarce in autumn and very scarce in spring; rare in winter.	17
101	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	Very scarce spring and autumn passage migrant.	0
102	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Fairly common winter visitor and passage migrant. Rare away from coast.	26
103	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Very common passage migrant and winter visitor; scarce away from estuaries; scarce non-breeder in summer.	26
104	Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant; very rare in summer.	26
105	Baird's Sandpiper	<i>Calidris bairdii</i>	Very rare vagrant.	0
106	Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	Rare vagrant; mainly in autumn.	1
107	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Scarce passage migrant; very scarce in winter.	15
108	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Fairly common spring and scarce autumn passage migrant; very scarce in summer and rare in winter.	26

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109	Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Rare vagrant.	8
110	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Passage migrant in variable numbers in spring; usually scarce; very scarce in autumn; rare in winter.	26
111	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	Fairly common spring and scarce autumn passage migrant; very scarce but increasing in winter.	26
112	Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	Very scarce visitor; most frequently recorded in spring.	10
113	Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>	Rare vagrant.	3
114	Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>	Common winter visitor and fairly common passage migrant; last bred in 1878.	26
115	Little Auk	<i>Alle alle</i>	Very scarce autumn passage migrant and winter visitor.	15
116	Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	Fairly common winter visitor and passage migrant; last bred in 1904.	26
117	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscatus</i>	Very rare vagrant.	0
118	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Scarce breeding summer visitor and fairly common passage migrant.	25
119	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Rare vagrant.	2
120	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	Rare vagrant.	1
121	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	Very rare vagrant.	0
122	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	Rare vagrant.	0
123	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	Scarce passage migrant.	24
124	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	Fairly common although localised breeding summer visitor and common passage migrant; very scarce winter visitor.	26
125	Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	Uncertain; but probably a fairly common spring and autumn passage migrant.	26
126	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Fairly common breeding summer visitor and common passage migrant.	26
127	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	Very scarce passage migrant and non-breeding summer visitor.	7
128	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>	Fairly common passage migrant; most numerous in spring. Very scarce non-breeder in summer and scarce in winter.	26
129	Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	Common but very localised breeding species; fairly common or common winter visitor and passage migrant. Rare away from coast.	26
130	Sabine's Gull	<i>Xema sabini</i>	Rare mainly autumn vagrant.	8
131	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	Common breeding species and very common to abundant passage migrant and winter visitor.	26
132	Laughing Gull	<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	Very rare vagrant.	1
133	Franklin's Gull	<i>Leucophaeus pipixcan</i>	Very rare vagrant.	0
134	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaeus melanocephalus</i>	Fairly common winter visitor and passage migrant; scarce breeder.	26
135	Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	Very rare vagrant.	0
136	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Very common; sometimes abundant winter visitor and very common passage migrant; scarce in summer; bred until 1963 and in 2006 and in some years since then.	26
137	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	Scarce but regular winter visitor	11
138	Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Very common resident; status uncertain as passage migrant; and winter visitor.	26
139	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	Scarce but localised visitor; mainly in late summer and autumn.	26
140	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	Common winter visitor and passage migrant; scarce in summer; mostly non-breeders; but very scarce breeder since 2000.	26
141	Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	Very scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.	9
142	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Fairly common passage migrant and winter visitor; scarce (mainly immatures) in summer and scarce breeder.	26
143	Iceland Gull	<i>Larus glaucoides</i>	Very scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.	14
144	Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Fairly common winter visitor and passage migrant.	26
145	Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.	23

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146	Black-throated Diver	<i>Gavia arctica</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.	26
147	Storm Petrel	<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>	Very scarce visitor; mainly in late spring and mid summer and after autumn gales.	8
148	Leach's Petrel	<i>Hydrobates leucorhous</i>	Rare vagrant.	8
149	Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Scarce breeding species and passage migrant.	26
150	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris borealis</i>	Rare vagrant.	1
151	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>	Very scarce autumn visitor.	16
152	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	Fairly common spring to autumn passage migrant.	24
153	Mediterranean Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan mauretanicus</i>	Very scarce spring to autumn visitor. Considered critically endangered by IUCN.	19
154	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Rare vagrant.	3
155	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Rare vagrant; mainly in spring. Most records from 2017 onwards are likely to relate to deliberate releases or their fledged young.	14
156	Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	Common passage migrant and non-breeding summer visitor; fairly common to common in winter.	26
157	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Very rare vagrant.	1
158	Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant; rare away from coast.	26
159	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Fairly common but localised resident and common winter visitor.	26
160	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Very scarce but increasing visitor.	5
161	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	Very scarce visitor; most frequent in spring and autumn.	15
162	Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	Scarce winter visitor; rare outside the winter months.	5
163	American Bittern	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	Very rare vagrant.	0
164	Little Bittern	<i>Botaurus minutus</i>	Rare vagrant.	1
165	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Scarce and increasing resident and probably scarce autumn visitor; status as winter visitor uncertain.	26
166	Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Rare vagrant.	2
167	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Rare vagrant.	0
168	Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Scarce but increasing visitor.	13
169	Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea ibis</i>	Scarce resident; increasing visitor and bred for the first time in 2020.	10
170	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Rare vagrant.	1
171	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Fairly common resident.	26
172	Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	Fairly common but localised summer visitor rarely seen on migration.	16
173	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	Rare vagrant.	2
174	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	Common summer visitor and passage migrant.	26
175	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Fairly common resident.	26
176	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	Scarce and declining resident.	26
177	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant; Last bred 1922.	26
178	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	Scarce resident and very scarce passage migrant and winter visitor.	23
179	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	Common resident.	26
180	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Scarce passage migrant.	26
181	Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	Scarce breeding summer visitor and passage migrant.	22
182	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Common resident and passage migrant.	26
183	Goshawk	<i>Astur gentilis</i>	Scarce but increasing resident.	8
184	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.	26
185	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	Very scarce spring and autumn visitor; last bred successfully in 1962.	6
186	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Scarce passage migrant and winter visitor; very scarce breeder since 2004.	26
187	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	Scarce or fairly common breeding resident (first bred in 2004) and fairly common and increasing visitor.	26

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188	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Rare vagrant.	7
189	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	Rare vagrant. Reintroduction scheme on the Isle of Wight. Introduced birds have bred.	6
190	Rough-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	Rare winter visitor.	0
191	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Fairly common and increasing resident; probably scarce passage migrant.	26
192	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	Very scarce spring and even scarcer autumn passage migrant; has bred.	15
193	Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	Rare vagrant.	0
194	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	Very scarce visitor; mainly in spring; bred once in 1955.	3
195	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Fairly common resident and possibly very scarce winter visitor.	26
196	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	Very scarce passage migrant; most in autumn; last bred in 1944.	25
197	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	Common resident.	26
198	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	Very common and increasing resident.	26
199	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>	Scarce and declining resident.	23
200	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Fairly common or common resident and passage migrant.	26
201	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Rare vagrant.	3
202	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.	26
203	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Scarce breeding summer visitor and passage migrant.	26
204	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Scarce breeding resident.	26
205	Gyr Falcon	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	Very rare vagrant.	0
206	Ring-necked Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	Scarce but increasing introduced resident; has bred.	20
207	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	Rare passage migrant and summer visitor; may have bred in 1965.	1
208	Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	Very scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.	10
209	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	Rare vagrant.	1
210	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	Very scarce passage migrant; formerly a breeding summer visitor.	6
211	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Very common resident.	26
212	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Very common resident.	26
213	Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	Very common resident.	26
214	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Very common resident.	26
215	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Fairly common breeding resident; first bred in modern era in 2001.	26
216	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	Very common resident.	26
217	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Abundant resident.	26
218	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Abundant resident.	26
219	Coal Tit	<i>Pariparus ater</i>	Very common resident.	26
220	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>	Very common resident.	26
221	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>	Previous fairly common to common resident; now extinct with the last record in 2015.	5
222	Bearded Tit	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>	Scarce breeding resident; very scarce passage migrant and winter visitor.	3
223	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	Scarce resident and very scarce passage migrant.	24
224	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Very common but declining resident; probably common passage migrant and winter visitor.	26
225	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	Very rare vagrant.	0
226	Shore Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	Rare autumn migrant and winter visitor.	0
227	Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	Rare vagrant.	0
228	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>	Rare vagrant.	0
229	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	Very scarce visitor in spring and autumn.	1
230	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	Fairly common summer visitor and very common passage migrant.	26

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231	Aquatic Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus paludicola</i>	Increasingly rare autumn passage migrant.	1
232	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	Very rare vagrant.	1
233	Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	Rare summer visitor and very scarce passage migrant.	2
234	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	Common summer visitor and very common passage migrant.	26
235	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	Rare visitor; has bred.	0
236	Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	Very scarce and declining summer visitor and fairly common passage migrant.	26
237	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Scarce or fairly common summer visitor and very common passage migrant.	26
238	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	Very rare vagrant.	1
239	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Common summer visitor and abundant passage migrant.	26
240	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	Common but declining summer visitor and abundant passage migrant.	26
241	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	Rare but increasing vagrant.	1
242	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Very common resident.	26
243	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	Fairly common and increasing resident; passage migrant and winter visitor.	23
244	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	Very scarce passage migrant. Rare in summer with no confirmed breeding records since 2010.	15
245	Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	Very scarce visitor; mostly in late autumn.	21
246	Hume's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	Very rare vagrant.	0
247	Pallas's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus proregulus</i>	Rare visitor; mostly in late autumn.	7
248	Radde's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus schwarzi</i>	Very rare vagrant.	1
249	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Common but declining summer visitor and passage migrant.	26
250	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Very common summer visitor and passage migrant; small numbers winter.	26
251	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	Common summer visitor and passage migrant.	26
252	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Very common summer visitor and passage migrant; scarce winter visitor.	26
253	Barred Warbler	<i>Curruca nisoria</i>	Very scarce autumn visitor.	2
254	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>	Fairly common summer visitor and passage migrant.	26
255	Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>	Very common summer visitor and passage migrant.	26
256	Dartford Warbler	<i>Curruca undata</i>	Scarce to fairly common but localised resident.	19
257	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>	Very rare vagrant.	2
258	Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>	Irruptive winter visitor; very scarce or scarce; occasionally fairly common.	13
259	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	Common breeding resident and summer visitor; passage migrant and winter visitor.	26
260	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	Very common breeding resident; common passage migrant and winter visitor.	26
261	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	Common resident.	26
262	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	Common resident.	26
263	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Abundant resident.	26
264	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Common but declining resident and very common to abundant winter visitor.	26
265	Rose-coloured Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>	Rare vagrant.	4
266	White's Thrush	<i>Zoothera aurea</i>	Very rare vagrant.	0
267	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Common resident and partial migrant.	26
268	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Very common resident and partial migrant; common passage migrant and winter visitor.	26
269	Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Common; occasionally very common; passage migrant and winter visitor.	26
270	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Abundant breeding resident; very common or abundant winter visitor; status uncertain as passage migrant.	26
271	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Common; occasionally very common; passage migrant and winter visitor.	26

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272	Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>	Passage migrant; very scarce in spring; scarce to fairly common in autumn.	26
273	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Fairly common but declining summer visitor; scarce passage migrant in spring and fairly common in autumn.	26
274	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Abundant resident; probably common passage migrant; mainly in autumn; status uncertain as winter visitor.	26
275	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	Fairly common summer visitor and infrequently seen passage migrant.	26
276	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	Very scarce spring and autumn visitor.	2
277	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	Scarce passage migrant; more numerous in autumn than spring. Has bred.	26
278	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	Rare resident; scarce passage migrant and very scarce winter visitor.	26
279	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	Scarce or fairly common summer visitor and fairly common passage migrant.	26
280	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Fairly common passage migrant. Rare summer visitor; last bred in 1999. Very rare in winter.	26
281	Eurasian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	Fairly common resident and partial migrant.	26
282	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>	Very rare vagrant.	2
283	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Very scarce breeding summer visitor and common passage migrant; very rare in mid-winter.	26
284	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	Very common resident.	26
285	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Much declined and now very scarce resident; scarce passage migrant and winter visitor.	12
286	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Very common resident.	26
287	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Fairly common resident; passage migrant and winter visitor.	26
288	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	Scarce and localised summer visitor; scarce passage migrant in spring and fairly common in autumn.	26
289	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	Very rare vagrant.	1
290	Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Common resident; passage migrant and winter visitor.	26
291	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	Rare visitor; mostly in autumn.	3
292	Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>	Rare vagrant.	1
293	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Fairly common but local summer visitor; fairly common passage migrant.	26
294	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	Very rare vagrant.	1
295	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Common but declining resident; very common passage migrant and winter visitor.	26
296	Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>	Scarce resident and scarce winter visitor; very rare away from the coast.	26
297	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	Scarce winter visitor and passage migrant.	6
298	Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	Fairly common winter visitor and passage migrant.	26
299	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Much declined but still very common resident; and probably very common passage migrant and winter visitor.	26
300	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	Fairly common but highly elusive and much declined breeding resident and in most years scarce passage migrant and winter visitor; occasionally more numerous.	14
301	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	Rare vagrant.	3
302	Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Fairly common or common resident.	26
303	Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	Very common resident; possibly fairly common passage migrant and scarce winter visitor.	26
304	Twite	<i>Linaria flavirostris</i>	Rare winter visitor.	1
305	Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	Common but decreasing resident and partial migrant.	26
306	Redpoll	<i>Acanthis flammea</i>	Scarce breeder and common passage migrant and winter visitor.	26
307	Common Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	Irruptive species; usually scarce visitor but fairly common in some years. Very scarce breeder in some years.	21

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308	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Probably fairly common resident; common summer visitor and passage migrant and fairly common winter visitor.	26
309	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	Very scarce passage migrant; bred in 1969 and possibly in 2023.	5
310	Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>	Common winter visitor and passage migrant. Fairly common breeder.	26
311	Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	Scarce passage migrant and winter visitor.	18
312	Lapland Bunting	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	Very scarce passage migrant and winter visitor.	3
313	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	Fairly common resident; passage migrant and winter visitor.	26
314	Little Bunting	<i>Emberiza pusilla</i>	Rare vagrant.	2
315	Rustic Bunting	<i>Emberiza rustica</i>	Very rare vagrant.	1
316	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	Very rare vagrant.	0
317	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	Fairly common resident.	26
318	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	Very rare vagrant.	0
319	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	Very scarce visitor mainly in the autumn.	4
320	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	Formerly a scarce resident; now extinct as a breeding species.	2
321	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	Common resident.	26

Key to status numbers

	Breeding pairs	Winter / Passage
Very rare		1-10 records in total
Rare	less than annual	Less than annual
Very scarce	1-10 per year	1-20 per year
Scarce	11-100	21-200
Fairly common	101-1000	201-2000
Common	1001-5000	2001-10,000
Very common	5001-30,000	10,001-60,000
Abundant	30,000+	60,000+

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Species in grey cells are those which have not been recorded this century

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