



After a break of 5 years, for obvious reasons, we are now able to add 2 new species to the GBC's UK bird list. Thanks to Pat and Andy this brings the total for the main list to 351 species. There are, already, 11 species on a supplementary list, which are ones not officially recognised by the British Ornithologists Union (BOU) as being seen in the UK in a 'natural' state.

The new additions are shown in bold.

This Year's Additions

Hudsonian Godwit

RSPB Burton Mere, on the Wirral

18th August, 2024

Leader, Pat

Participants; "5 members"

A North American species which breeds as far north as Alaska it migrates to South America as far as Chile. This is only the eighth time that the species has been recorded in the UK. Congratulations to the group on being there at the right time and having a "splendid view of it preening and dabbling".

Report in OB 117, Winter 2024; this species is now added to the main GBC list.



Mike

Isabelline Wheatear

Collieston, coastal village NE of Aberdeen

19th October 2024

Leader, Andy

Participants; Jules, John, Gavin, Graeme and George.

A European species which breeds from Greece east to Mongolia and China and winters in NE Africa and southern Asia, this is an excellent species for Andy and his group to identify on this annual "run up the coast". It is classified as a vagrant with only a few records each decade, a "three star rarity" and a new species for everyone in the group.

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Andy

Just to remind leaders and members: for a new species to be added to the list:

- ◆ the bird must be seen or heard on a GBC event;
- ◆ the event must have been advertised in the Annual Calendar, in *Out Birding* or through news@gbc-online.org.uk
- ◆ the bird must be recorded by at least four members. If fewer than four members attend the event, the record will be accepted as long as there are at least two members present and all either see or hear the bird;
- ◆ the record must be mentioned in an 'Events Round-Up' report, or a separate article, in OB.

Best wishes to everyone; I hope you stay safe and well in 2025,
Roger

Mute Swan - <i>Cygnus olor</i>	Lady Amherst's Pheasant - <i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>
Whooper Swan - <i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	Red-throated Diver - <i>Gavia stellata</i>
Tundra/Bewick's Swan - <i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	Black-throated Diver - <i>Gavia arctica</i>
Snow Goose - <i>Anser caerulescens</i>	Great Northern Diver - <i>Gavia immer</i>
Greater White-fronted Goose - <i>Anser albifrons</i>	White-billed Diver - <i>Gavia adamsii</i>
Lesser White-fronted Goose - <i>Anser erythropus</i>	Slavonian Grebe - <i>Podiceps auritus</i>
Bean Goose - <i>Anser fabalis</i>	Black-necked Grebe - <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
Pink-footed Goose - <i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Little Grebe - <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
Greylag Goose - <i>Anser anser</i>	Pied-billed Grebe - <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
Canada Goose - <i>Branta canadensis</i>	Great Crested Grebe - <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
Barnacle Goose - <i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Red-necked Grebe - <i>Podiceps grisegena</i>
Brent Goose - <i>Branta bernicla</i>	Northern Fulmar - <i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>
Red-breasted Goose - <i>Branta ruficollis</i>	Cory's Shearwater - <i>Calonectris diomedea</i>
Common Shelduck - <i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Great Shearwater - <i>Puffinus gravis</i>
Ruddy Shelduck - <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	Manx Shearwater - <i>Puffinus puffinus</i>
Egyptian Goose - <i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	Balearic Shearwater - <i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>
Mallard - <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Sooty Shearwater - <i>Puffinus griseus</i>
Gadwall - <i>Anas strepera</i>	European Storm-petrel - <i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>
Northern Pintail - <i>Anas acuta</i>	Wilson's Storm-petrel - <i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>
American Black Duck - <i>Anas rubripes</i>	Leach's Storm-petrel - <i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>
Northern Shoveler - <i>Anas clypeata</i>	Northern Gannet - <i>Morus bassanus</i>
Eurasian Wigeon - <i>Anas penelope</i>	Great Cormorant - <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
American Wigeon - <i>Anas americana</i>	European Shag - <i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>
Eurasian Teal - <i>Anas crecca</i>	Great Bittern - <i>Botaurus stellaris</i>
Garganey - <i>Anas querquedula</i>	Little Bittern - <i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>
Baikal Teal <i>Anas formosa</i>	Black-crowned Night Heron - <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Common Pochard - <i>Aythya ferina</i>	Cattle Egret <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Red-crested Pochard - <i>Netta rufina</i>	Little Egret - <i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Ferruginous Duck - <i>Aythya nyroca</i>	Great Egret - <i>Egretta alba</i>
Greater Scaup - <i>Aythya marila</i>	Grey Heron - <i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Tufted Duck - <i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Purple Heron - <i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Ring-necked Duck - <i>Aythya collaris</i>	White Stork - <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
Common Eider - <i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Black Stork - <i>Ciconia negra</i>
King Eider - <i>Somateria spectabilis</i>	Glossy Ibis - <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Common Scoter - <i>Melanitta nigra</i>	Eurasian Spoonbill - <i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
Black Scoter - <i>Melanitta americana</i>	White-tailed Eagle - <i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>
Velvet Scoter - <i>Melanitta fusca</i>	Osprey - <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
Surf Scoter - <i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	Golden Eagle - <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>
Long-tailed Duck - <i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Red Kite - <i>Milvus milvus</i>
Harlequin Duck - <i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i>	Black Kite - <i>Milvus migrans</i>
Common Goldeneye - <i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Eurasian Marsh Harrier - <i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
Barrow's Goldeneye - <i>Bucephala islandica</i>	Hen Harrier - <i>Circus cyaneus</i>
Smew - <i>Mergus albellus</i>	Montagu's Harrier - <i>Circus pygargus</i>
Goosander - <i>Mergus merganser</i>	Pallid Harrier - <i>Circus macrourus</i>
Red-breasted Merganser - <i>Mergus serrator</i>	Common Buzzard - <i>Buteo buteo</i>
Ruddy Duck - <i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	Rough-legged Buzzard - <i>Buteo lagopus</i>
Green-winged Teal - <i>Anas carolinensis</i>	European Honey Buzzard - <i>Pernis apivorus</i>
Redhead - <i>Aythya americana</i>	Eurasian Sparrowhawk - <i>Accipiter nisus</i>
Canvasback - <i>Aythya valisineria</i>	Northern Goshawk - <i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
Mandarin Duck - <i>Aix galericulata</i>	Common Kestrel - <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Red Grouse - <i>Lagopus lagopus</i>	Red-footed Falcon - <i>Falco vespertinus</i>
Rock Ptarmigan - <i>Lagopus mutus</i>	Amur Falcon - <i>Falco amurensis</i>
Western Capercaillie - <i>Tetrao urogallus</i>	Eurasian Hobby - <i>Falco subbuteo</i>
Black Grouse - <i>Tetrao tetrix</i>	Peregrine Falcon - <i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Red-legged Partridge - <i>Alectoris rufa</i>	Merlin - <i>Falco columbarius</i>
Grey Partridge - <i>Perdix perdix</i>	Water Rail - <i>Rallus aquaticus</i>
Common Quail - <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Spotted Crane - <i>Porzana porzana</i>
Corn Crane - <i>Crex crex</i>	Little Crane - <i>Porzana parva</i>
Common Pheasant - <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Baillon's Crane - <i>Porzana pusilla</i>
Golden Pheasant - <i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>	Common Moorhen - <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>

Common Coot - <i>Fulica atra</i>	Lesser Black-backed Gull - <i>Larus fuscus</i>	
Common Crane - <i>Grus grus</i>	Little Gull - <i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>	
Great Bustard - <i>Otis tarda</i>	Black-legged Kittiwake - <i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	
Little Bustard <i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	Sabine's Gull - <i>Xema sabini</i>	
Eurasian Oystercatcher - <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Glaucous Gull - <i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	
Pied Avocet - <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	Iceland Gull - <i>Larus glaucoides</i>	
Black-winged Stilt - <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Laughing Gull - <i>Larus atricilla</i>	
Stone-curlew - <i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>	Franklin's Gull - <i>Larus pipixcan</i>	
Black-winged Pratincole - <i>Glareola nordmanni</i>	Little Tern - <i>Sterna albifrons</i>	
Little Ringed Plover - <i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Sandwich Tern - <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	
Ringed Plover - <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Common Tern - <i>Sterna hirundo</i>	
Killdeer - <i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	Arctic Tern - <i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	
Kentish Plover - <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	Roseate Tern - <i>Sterna dougallii</i>	
Grey Plover - <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Caspian Tern - <i>Sterna caspia</i>	
Dotterel - <i>Charadrius morinellus</i>	Bridled Tern - <i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	
European Golden Plover - <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	Black Tern - <i>Chlidonias niger</i>	
American Golden Plover - <i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	White-winged Black Tern - <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	
Northern Lapwing - <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Little Auk - <i>Alle alle</i>	
Red Knot - <i>Calidris canutus</i>	Atlantic Puffin - <i>Fratercula arctica</i>	
Sanderling - <i>Calidris alba</i>	Black Guillemot - <i>Cephus grylle</i>	
Purple Sandpiper - <i>Calidris maritima</i>	Common Guillemot - <i>Uria aalge</i>	
Ruddy Turnstone - <i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Razorbill - <i>Alca torda</i>	
Dunlin - <i>Calidris alpina</i>	Rock Pigeon - <i>Columba livia</i>	
Curlew Sandpiper - <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Stock Pigeon - <i>Columba oenas</i>	
Temminck's Stint - <i>Calidris Temminckii</i>	Common Wood Pigeon - <i>Columba palumbus</i>	
Little Stint - <i>Calidris minuta</i>	Eurasian Collared Dove - <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	
Wood Sandpiper - <i>Tringa glareola</i>	European Turtle Dove - <i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	
Green Sandpiper - <i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Rose-ringed Parakeet - <i>Psittacula krameri</i>	
Common Sandpiper - <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Common Cuckoo - <i>Cuculus canorus</i>	
Common Redshank - <i>Tringa totanus</i>	Snowy Owl - <i>Nyctea scandiaca</i>	
Spotted Redshank - <i>Tringa erythropus</i>	Long-eared Owl - <i>Asio otus</i>	
Common Greenshank - <i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Short-eared Owl - <i>Asio flammeus</i>	
Black-tailed Godwit - <i>Limosa limosa</i>	Tawny Owl - <i>Strix aluco</i>	
Hudsonian Godwit - <i>Limosa haemastica</i>	Barn Owl - <i>Tyto alba</i>	
Bar-tailed Godwit - <i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Little Owl - <i>Athene noctua</i>	
Eurasian Curlew - <i>Numenius arquata</i>	European Nightjar - <i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	
Whimbrel - <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Common Nighthawk - <i>Chordeiles minor</i>	
Eurasian Woodcock - <i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	Common Swift - <i>Apus apus</i>	
Common Snipe - <i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Hoopoe - <i>Upupa epops</i>	
Jack Snipe - <i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>	Common Kingfisher - <i>Alcedo atthis</i>	
Red-necked Phalarope - <i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	European Bee-eater - <i>Merops apiaster</i>	
Grey Phalarope - <i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	Green Woodpecker - <i>Picus viridis</i>	
Baird's Sandpiper - <i>Calidris bairdii</i>	Great Spotted Woodpecker - <i>Dendrocopos major</i>	
White-rumped Sandpiper - <i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker - <i>Dendrocopos minor</i>	
Ruff - <i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Eurasian Wryneck - <i>Jynx torquilla</i>	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper - <i>Tryngites subruficollis</i>	Sky Lark - <i>Alauda arvensis</i>	
Pectoral Sandpiper - <i>Calidris melanotos</i>	Wood Lark - <i>Lullula arborea</i>	
Lesser Yellowlegs - <i>Tringa flavipes</i>	Greater Short-toed Lark - <i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	
Long-billed Dowitcher - <i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	Shore Lark - <i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	
Great Skua - <i>Stercorarius skua</i>	Sand Martin - <i>Riparia riparia</i>	
Pomarine Skua - <i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Barn Swallow - <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	
Arctic Skua - <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	House Martin - <i>Delichon urbica</i>	
Long-tailed Skua - <i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Tawny Pipit - <i>Anthus campestris</i>	
Black-headed Gull - <i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	Richard's Pipit - <i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i>	
Common Gull - <i>Larus canus</i>	Water Pipit - <i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	
Ring-billed Gull - <i>Larus delawarensis</i>	Rock Pipit - <i>Anthus petrosus</i>	
Mediterranean Gull - <i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	Meadow Pipit - <i>Anthus pratensis</i>	
Herring Gull - <i>Larus argentatus</i>	Tree Pipit - <i>Anthus trivialis</i>	
Yellow-legged Gull - <i>Larus michahellis</i>	Olive-backed Pipit - <i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	
Caspian Gull - <i>Larus cacchinnans</i>	Pied Wagtail - <i>Motacilla alba</i>	
Great Black-backed Gull - <i>Larus marinus</i>	Yellow Wagtail - <i>Motacilla flava</i>	

Grey Wagtail - <i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Marsh Tit - <i>Parus palustris</i>	
White-throated Dipper - <i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	Willow Tit - <i>Parus montanus</i>	
Bohemian Waxwing - <i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>	Long-tailed Tit - <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	
Dunnock - <i>Prunella modularis</i>	Bearded Tit - <i>Panurus biarmicus</i>	
European Robin - <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Wood Nuthatch - <i>Sitta europaea</i>	
Common Nightingale - <i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	Eurasian Treecreeper - <i>Certhia familiaris</i>	
Thrush Nightingale - <i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	Great Grey Shrike - <i>Lanius excubitor</i>	
Bluethroat - <i>Luscinia svecica</i>	Red-backed Shrike - <i>Lanius collurio</i>	
Common Redstart - <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	Isabelline Shrike - <i>Lanius isabellinus</i>	
Black Redstart - <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	Brown Shrike - <i>Lanius cristatus</i>	
Northern Wheatear - <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Woodchat Shrike - <i>Lanius senator</i>	
Isabelline Wheatear - <i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	Eurasian Magpie - <i>Pica pica</i>	
Pied Wheatear - <i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	Eurasian Jay - <i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	
Desert Wheatear - <i>Oenanthe deserti</i>	Eurasian Jackdaw - <i>Corvus monedula</i>	
Whinchat - <i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Red-billed Chough - <i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	
Stonechat - <i>Saxicola torquata</i>	Rook - <i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	
Song Thrush - <i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Hooded Crow - <i>Corvus cornix</i>	
Redwing - <i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Carrion Crow - <i>Corvus corone</i>	
Mistle Thrush - <i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Common Raven - <i>Corvus corax</i>	
Fieldfare - <i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Common Starling - <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	
Common Blackbird - <i>Turdus merula</i>	Rose-coloured Starling - <i>Pastor roseus</i>	
Ring Ouzel - <i>Turdus torquatus</i>	Eurasian Golden Oriole - <i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	
Barred Warbler - <i>Sylvia nisoria</i>	House Sparrow - <i>Passer domesticus</i>	
Garden Warbler - <i>Sylvia borin</i>	Eurasian Tree Sparrow - <i>Passer montanus</i>	
Blackcap - <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Chaffinch - <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	
Common Whitethroat - <i>Sylvia communis</i>	Brambling - <i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	
Lesser Whitethroat - <i>Sylvia curruca</i>	Common Linnet - <i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	
Spectacled Warbler - <i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>	Twite - <i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>	
Subalpine Warbler - <i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	Lesser Redpoll - <i>Carduelis cabaret</i>	
Dartford Warbler - <i>Sylvia undata</i>	Common (Mealy) Redpoll - <i>Carduelis flammea</i>	
Sedge Warbler - <i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	Arctic Redpoll - <i>Carduelis hornemanni</i>	
Grasshopper Warbler - <i>Locustella naevia</i>	European Goldfinch - <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	
Lanceolated Warbler - <i>Locustella lanceolata</i>	European Greenfinch - <i>Carduelis chloris</i>	
Savi's Warbler - <i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	Eurasian Siskin - <i>Carduelis spinus</i>	
Cetti's Warbler - <i>Cettia cetti</i>	Common Bullfinch - <i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	
Eurasian Reed Warbler - <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	Hawfinch - <i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	
Marsh Warbler - <i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	Common Crossbill - <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	
Blyth's Reed Warbler - <i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	Parrot Crossbill - <i>Loxia pytyopsittacus</i>	
Great Reed Warbler - <i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	Scottish Crossbill - <i>Loxia scotica</i>	
Icterine Warbler - <i>Hippolais icterina</i>	Common Rosefinch - <i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	
Willow Warbler - <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Reed Bunting - <i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	
Wood Warbler - <i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	Little Bunting - <i>Emberiza pusilla</i>	
Common Chiffchaff - <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Snow Bunting - <i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	
Greenish Warbler - <i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	Lapland Bunting - <i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	
Yellow-browed Warbler - <i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	Rustic Bunting - <i>Emberiza rustica</i>	
Pallas's Leaf Warbler - <i>Phylloscopus proregulus</i>	Ortolan Bunting - <i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	
Dusky Warbler - <i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>	Yellowhammer - <i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	
Radde's Warbler - <i>Phylloscopus schwarzi</i>	Cirl Bunting - <i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	
Goldcrest - <i>Regulus regulus</i>	Black-headed Bunting - <i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	
Firecrest - <i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>	Corn Bunting - <i>Miliaria calandra</i>	
Eurasian Wren - <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Blackpoll Warbler - <i>Dendronica striata</i>	
Spotted Flycatcher - <i>Muscicapa striata</i>		
Red-breasted Flycatcher - <i>Ficedula parva</i>	Introductions/Escapes/etc	
Pied Flycatcher - <i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>		
Great Tit - <i>Parus major</i>	Black Swan - <i>Cygnus atratus</i>	N.Z. Scaup - <i>Aythya novaeseelandiae</i>
Coal Tit - <i>Parus ater</i>	Indian Peafowl - <i>Pavo cristatus</i>	Great White Pelican -
Blue Tit - <i>Parus caeruleus</i>	Bar-headed Goose - <i>Anser indicus</i>	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
Crested Tit - <i>Parus cristatus</i>	Ross's Goose - <i>Anser rossii</i>	Lanner Falcon - <i>Falco biarmicus</i>
	Hawaiian Goose - <i>Branta sandvicensis</i>	Secretary Bird - <i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
	Wood Duck - <i>Aix sponsa</i>	Burrowing Owl - <i>Athene cunicularia</i>