

Submission of Bird Records in Pembrokeshire

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Record Submission

Records of sightings should be submitted using the standard spreadsheet available from the County Recorder at jonrg@tiscali.co.uk or it can be downloaded [here](#) (once a new page from Windows Live appears click on the PBG Recording Form 1 icon). Please note that records submitted to the Pembrokeshire Birds website will not reach the Pembrokeshire Bird Report unless supported by a written record. Please send in your records as soon as possible in the new year, certainly by 31 January.

In the case of unusual species, records should be submitted, with the required description as soon as possible, preferably within one calendar month of the sighting.

Guidelines for Submission of Records Required

All records of rare and scarce species, all breeding records. Maximum counts: waders and wildfowl, wintering flocks, gull roosts, migrating birds, seabird passage etc. Early and late dates for migrants, wintering records, large and unusual numbers of common species e.g. birds at roosts or winter congregations, details of ringed birds, escapes and releases with any notes which may be relevant to their origin e.g. coloured leg rings, jesses etc., and anything which you may think is of interest. The most valuable records are breeding records - especially standardised counts over several years. Look at any recent bird report and the pattern of records used in the report will become clear, and the gaps in coverage (especially for common species) will also be clear. The County Recorder is always happy to discuss the submission of records.

Records of Unusual Species Requiring Descriptions

Records of National Rarities are only included if accepted by the British Birds Rarities Committee (BBRC). Other records of scarce species are only included if accepted by the Pembrokeshire Records Committee, which considers submissions according to ease or difficulty of identification, as follows

Sub-rarities: These are species considered rare in Wales and come under the jurisdiction of the Pembrokeshire Records Committee and the Welsh Records Panel (WRP), and descriptions are required from all observers. The species are listed as follows:

Cory's Shearwater, Great Shearwater, Wilson's Petrel, Night Heron, Great White Egret, Purple Heron, White Stork, Bean Goose, Green-winged Teal, American Wigeon, Ferruginous Duck, Ring-necked Duck, Surf Scoter, Montagu's Harrier, Rough-legged Buzzard, Golden Eagle, White-tailed Eagle, Black Kite, Red Footed Falcon, Spotted Crane, Corncrake, Common Crane, Stone-Curlew, Kentish Plover, American Golden Plover, Temminck's Stint, White Rumped Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Red-necked Phalarope, Iceland Gull (of the race *L. g. kumlieni*), White-Winged Black Tern, Alpine Swift, Bee-eater, Short-toed Lark, Wood Lark, Shore Lark, Red-Rumped Swallow, Tawny Pipit, Red-Throated Pipit, Richards Pipit, Yellow Wagtail (other than *flava* and *flavissima*), Subalpine Warbler, Nightingale, Bluethroat, Aquatic Warbler, Marsh Warbler, Icterine Warbler, Melodious Warbler, Radde's Warbler, Greenish Warbler, Dusky Warbler, Barred Warbler, *tristis* Chiffchaff, Pallas's Warbler, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Red-backed Shrike, Woodchat Shrike, Rose-coloured Starling, Bearded Tit, Arctic Redpoll, Serin, Common Redpoll, Common Rosefinch, Northern Bullfinch, Cirl Bunting, Ortolan Bunting, Little Bunting, Rustic Bunting.

Records concerning such species, together with the descriptions, are submitted to the County Recorder and are considered by the Pembrokeshire Records Committee before being passed to the WRP.

Rarities: It is recommended that all BBRC Records be sent via the County Recorder, who will make a copy and forward the original to the Rarities Committee on the observer's behalf. An observer is normally informed of the acceptance or otherwise of a record concerning a rarity by the Recorder within six months after the submission of the record.