

## **RSPB RAMSEY ISLAND**

### **SYSTEMATIC LIST 2013**

Ramsey was inhabited from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> (with a brief absence from December 18<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>). **128** species were recorded (131 in 2012), of which 38 were confirmed breeders (39 in 2012).

Recorders were principally Greg Morgan and Lisa Morgan with additional records from Amy Cooper, Derek Rees, Steve Votier, boat crews from Thousand Islands, Voyages of Discovery and Venture Jet and RSPB volunteers. Many thanks to all.

The number of breeding chough remained at 7 pairs (7 in 2011 and 2012). They once again fledged a disappointing 2.0 per pair (as in 2012) once again suffering at the hands of storm force NE winds in late April that resulted in the same 2 nests being lost as in an identical incident to 2012. The season was slow to get going given the record breaking low temperatures of March and April but in end all remaining 5 pairs fledged young

Lapwings fell to just a single pair and their continued existence as a breeding species on Ramsey must be in question given there are no regular breeding pairs on the Pembrokeshire mainland (the odd pair attempts to breed in south Pems occasionally) to supplement what has traditionally been an overspill population.

Wheatears continue to maintain their population at over 100 pairs with 107 pairs recorded in 2012 (109 in 2012).

A single pair of short-eared owl bred once again bred in the heathland

House martin bred for the first time with 1 pair making use of an artificial nest boxes on the south side of the farmhouse roof. A minimum of 5 young fledged

From a records viewpoint, highlights were firsts for Ramsey of booted warbler, western Bonelli's warbler, hawfinch and great crested grebe, second records of tufted duck, Montague's harrier and marsh harrier plus a third record of Dartford warbler (all records of this species since 2006) and black guillemot. Also of note were sooty shearwater, Sabine's gull, pomarine skua, pale-bellied brent goose, woodchat shrike, osprey and a record number of yellow-browed warblers (4).

**UNDERLINED** = confirmed breeding species

**underlined** = probable / possible breeding species

**Key:**

AOS = Apparently Occupied Site

AON = Apparently Occupied Nest

AOT = Apparently Occupied Territory

**CANADA GOOSE**

Confirmed breeder. 2 pairs (1 in 2012). Pairs on Ynys Bery and Carreg Rhosson but no young seen. Recorded between February and June in small numbers. Max 74 south over the island on 23<sup>rd</sup> September

**Pale-bellied Brent Goose**

1 north on a seawatch on 13<sup>th</sup> October. 2 south on a seawatch on 3<sup>rd</sup> November

**MALLARD**

Confirmed breeder. 2 pairs (2 in 2012). Recorded in all months except July-September and November. Max 28 roosting on the old Mill Pond on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

**Teal**

35 roosting on the central ponds on 25<sup>th</sup> August. 5 on 3<sup>rd</sup> December

**Tufted duck**

1 circling the farmhouse on 14<sup>th</sup> July was only the second record for Ramsey (SV)

**Common scoter**

17 logged through January and February moving south. First autumn records on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Total autumn numbers 205 up to mid November, max 30 on 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 6 on 6<sup>th</sup> December were the last records of the year

**Red-throated diver**

Singles on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup> of December. 2 on 3<sup>rd</sup> November

**Great northern diver**

3 south past hide on 29<sup>th</sup> October

**Great crested grebe**

1 south at sea on 3<sup>rd</sup> November (GM). First record for Ramsey

**FULMAR**

Confirmed breeder. 227 AOS (284 in 2012) – a second successive year of population decline. Productivity of 0.62 (0.68 in 2012). Present on ledges most of the year with occasional absences in winter. Absent from ledges for moult from 6<sup>th</sup> September to 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**MANX SHEARWATER**

Confirmed breeder. Not censused (3835 AOB in 2012). Not recorded on land after 14<sup>th</sup> September. Last records at sea were 9 on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and 1 on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Heard calling over house around the new moon on 2<sup>nd</sup> November (as in most other years). 200+ fledglings ringed at usual NE coast study site and the first 3 birds re-trapped, ringed as fledglings on Ramsey in 2010. 20adult birds fitted with geolocators

<b>Sooty shearwater</b>	5 south on 16 <sup>th</sup> September in a NW gale. 1 south on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
<b><u>STORM PETREL</u></b>	Confirmed breeder on Ramsey (min 5 AOS as in 2102), no census on Bishops and Clerks but assumed to have bred (149 AOS in 2010).
<b>Gannet</b>	See Grassholm systematic list for breeding data. Recorded in all months off Ramsey, first of year on 14 <sup>th</sup> January. 29 logged in total in Jan, all off north end. First of year in Ramsey Sound on 1 <sup>st</sup> February. 250+/-hr moving south on 29 <sup>th</sup> October. Last record of year 6 on 6 <sup>th</sup> December.
<b>Cormorant</b>	Recorded in small numbers in winter and then again from autumn onwards. No summer records. Usually just offshore or on low tide rocks. Max 6 on 25 <sup>th</sup> October
<b><u>SHAG</u></b>	Confirmed breeder. Not censused (15 AON in 2012), mainly on the B&C. Recorded in all months. Max 8 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
<b>Little Egret</b>	1 south on 17 <sup>th</sup> May and 2 at sea off north end on 10 <sup>th</sup> October struggling in a gale. They eventually seemed to land on the North Bishop
<b>Grey heron</b>	First record of year a single on 26 <sup>th</sup> May. Recorded in every month thereafter up to the final record on 27 <sup>th</sup> November. Max 7 on 19 <sup>th</sup> July.
<b>Osprey</b>	Single on 1 <sup>st</sup> April heading SE over Carn Llundain and a single on 30 <sup>th</sup> September seen by a day visitor and subsequently identified from photographs.
<b>Red kite</b>	A single on 16 <sup>th</sup> March was winged tagged and identified as being one of the Irish reintroduction birds. Another single on 29 <sup>th</sup> March then 2 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> April, 1 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> April, logged on 5 dates in May (max 5 on 17 <sup>th</sup> ) and singles on 20 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>Marsh harrier</b>	A fly over bird on 7 <sup>th</sup> August was only the second record for Ramsey (SV)
<b>Hen harrier</b>	A late ring tail was present from 18 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> May then singles on 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct and 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> November (all ring tails).
<b>Montague's harrier</b>	After a tip off from Skomer wardens on 1 <sup>st</sup> May that their Pallid harrier was heading our way we connected with what turned out to be their Montague's harrier later

that evening! (identifiable as coming from Skomer through missing primary pattern). Adult female present till 3<sup>rd</sup>. A ring tail harrier seen briefly on 7<sup>th</sup> was presumably this same bird but not confirmed (thanks to Dave Boyle and Steve Votier for comments on photos taken of the 1<sup>st</sup> May bird) – second record for Ramsey.

**Sparrowhawk**

Single on 9<sup>th</sup> March then again for a week in late April. No more records until August. Singles recorded in each month the rafter through to last record of year on 13<sup>th</sup> November

**BUZZARD**

Confirmed breeder. 2 pairs (2 in 2012). Min 3 fledged. Present all year. Max 6 at any one time.

**KESTREL**

Confirmed breeder. 1 pair (1 in 2012) on cliff opposite farmhouse.. Fledged 3 young. Recorded in all months apart form December. Usually 1 or 2 birds (breeding pair). Occasionally 3 in October

**Merlin**

Single female or young bird(s) present from February though to end of April. Single on 4 dates in last week of June then sporadic singles from September, recorded most days in November up to final record on 5<sup>th</sup> December

**PEREGRINE**

Confirmed breeder. 2 pairs held territory (2 in 2012). Min of 2 fledged from the Garlic site (site used for second year running in preference to Aber Mawr). Second pair at Glyma is not easily viewed so outcome unknown. Birds recorded in all months.

**Water rail**

1 on 6<sup>th</sup> May

**OYSTERCATCHER**

Confirmed breeder. 32 pairs includes 1 on the Bishops and Clerks (23 pairs in 2012 on RMI only). Recorded in all months but only small winter numbers.

**Ringed plover**

1 juv on central ponds on 7<sup>th</sup> September

**Golden plover**

19 over 3 dates in January, singles on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> April and 14<sup>th</sup> August. 4 on 28<sup>th</sup> and 5 on 29<sup>th</sup> September. Single on 24<sup>th</sup> September. 10 in northern fields on 19<sup>th</sup> October. 35 on 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 on 10<sup>th</sup> and finally a single on 13<sup>th</sup> November

**NORTHERN LAPWING**

Confirmed breeder. 1 pair (3 in 2012). Zero young fledged (1 in 2012). Lowest breeding total on record and looks to be heading towards extinction as a breeding species. Ramsey, which is sub-optimal

lapwing habitat, has always been an 'overspill' site for mainland populations but none now breed on a regular basis in Pembrokeshire (occasional records from south of County). Recorded in all months apart from July, August and December. Max 110 west on 24<sup>th</sup> January

<b>Purple sandpiper</b>	2 on 30 <sup>th</sup> August was the only record but almost certainly under recorded on it's difficult to monitor winter roost site.
<b>Turnstone</b>	2 south on 19 <sup>th</sup> August – at sea
<b>Dunlin</b>	3 on 18 <sup>th</sup> May, 8 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> May, 1 on 17 <sup>th</sup> June, 10 logged over 5 dates in August (max 5 on 4 <sup>th</sup> ) and 1 on 4 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Green sandpiper</b>	Singles on 24 <sup>th</sup> January (rare winter record), 21 <sup>st</sup> July and 9 <sup>th</sup> October. 2 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> August
<b>Common sandpiper</b>	15 north on 1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2 on 24 <sup>th</sup> July, singles on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> August and 2 on 24 <sup>th</sup> September.
<b>Greenshank</b>	1 on 31 <sup>st</sup> January was a rare winter record
<b>Curlew</b>	Recorded in all months apart from Jan, March and December. Largest counts were 32 logged through June with 129 logged through September and October (max flock 20). One at sea on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November was the last record of the year
<b>Whimbrel</b>	Another 'light' year. 42 logged on spring passage, 49 on autumn passage. Max flock 13
<b>Woodcock</b>	Singles on 24 <sup>th</sup> January, 19 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> October, 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> November with 3 on 12 <sup>th</sup> . Final record 1 on 10 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Common snipe</b>	Recorded in all months apart from May-July. Mainly small numbers with 11 logged in January the highest number of records with a max of 4 on any one day. 1 on 8 <sup>th</sup> August was the first returning autumn bird.
<b>Jack snipe</b>	Singles on 12 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> February, 13 <sup>th</sup> October, 6 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> December

<b>Great skua</b>	A single on 23 <sup>rd</sup> June was the first of the year. 2 south in August, 9 south in September, 15 south in October, 23 south in November of which 20 were on 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
<b>Pomarine skua</b>	1 dark phase adult with spoons south on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
<b>Arctic skua</b>	7 on 16 <sup>th</sup> September, 3 on 29 <sup>th</sup> October, 7 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 1 on 5 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Black-headed gull</b>	Present in Ramsey Sound in numbers of up to 150+ in January and February. Not recorded then until a single on 17 <sup>th</sup> May. Present again in regular numbers from August onwards building to a max of 400+ birds in Ramsey Sound on 6 <sup>th</sup> December.
<b>Common gull</b>	2 adult winter birds in Ramsey Sound on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December plus 1 1 <sup>st</sup> winter bird on 6 <sup>th</sup> December.
<b>Mediterranean gull</b>	2013 continued the increase in records for this species from Ramsey with 16 logged between 3 <sup>rd</sup> June and 6 <sup>th</sup> December. Max of 5 individuals in October. Plumages ranged from adult summer and adult winter through to 1 <sup>st</sup> winter
<b><u>HERRING GULL</u></b>	Confirmed breeder. 221 AON (172 on RMI and 49 on B&C) (277 AON in total in 2008). Present in all months. 300+ 'anting' in central field on 20 <sup>th</sup> August
<b><u>LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL</u></b>	Confirmed breeder. 170 AON (152 on RMI and 18 on B&C) (266 AON in total in 2008). First record of year on 17 <sup>th</sup> February. 10 in Ramsey Sound on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
<b><u>GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL</u></b>	Confirmed breeder. 25 AON (10 on RMI and 15 on B&C) (25 AON in total in 2008). Present in all months. Max roost of 50 near Briw on 13 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Little Gull</b>	A first winter bird off north end on 15 <sup>th</sup> September and an adult winter in Ramsey Sound on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
<b><u>KITTIWAKE</u></b>	Confirmed breeder. 139 AON (175 in 2012) was the 2 <sup>nd</sup> lowest on record and the second year in succession the population has been below 200. Productivity 0.29 (0.18 in 2012). Very late getting started possibly due to the record cold spring – seen nest building when normally would have been laying. Present offshore throughout, noticeable movement in autumn with a max of 2800+/hr logged on 29 <sup>th</sup> October.

<b>Sabine's gull</b>	1 juv south on 5 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Sandwich tern</b>	A relatively quiet year with singles on 26 <sup>th</sup> August and 6 <sup>th</sup> September, 7 on 17 <sup>th</sup> September and 5 on 24 <sup>th</sup> October. Mainly south
<b>Arctic tern</b>	1 south on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
<b><u>PUFFIN</u></b>	Confirmed breeder (B&C only). Max spring count on North Bishop was 40 on 10 <sup>th</sup> June (42 in 2012). By 19 <sup>th</sup> June this had increased to 71 presumably an early increase in non-breeder attendance which doesn't usually peak until July. 27 on 18 <sup>th</sup> July was the last record at this site. Once again there were a good number of sightings of birds on the water close to the cliffs around the west coast of Ramsey including the first report of birds on land in recent times. This probably came in response to a sound attraction system being deployed in association with the plastic decoys (that have been used in isolation but without success for several years). 8 birds were on the cliff top amongst the decoys on 7 <sup>th</sup> June, 3 on low tide rocks on 18 <sup>th</sup> June and small groups of singles on low tide rocks on 28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> June. In total 206 birds were logged between 3 <sup>rd</sup> April and 18 <sup>th</sup> July in the close vicinity of the island. It is impossible to say how many of these records are duplicate birds. Thanks to 1000 Islands and Voyages of Discovery for all boat based records. In particular Ffion Rees, Mike Chant and Zeman McCready
<b>Black Guillemot</b>	A single bird in Ramsey Sound on 30 <sup>th</sup> May. 3 <sup>rd</sup> record for the island and similar timing to last year's bird in the same location
<b><u>GUILLEMOT</u></b>	Confirmed breeder. Not censused. 4204 individuals in 2012 at 5 yearly census. Several winter attendance records on ledges on calm days. On breeding ledges until 25 <sup>th</sup> July. See offshore through most of winter
<b><u>RAZORBILL</u></b>	Confirmed breeder. Not censused. 1482 individuals in 2012 at 5 yearly census. No birds seen on land after 25 <sup>th</sup> July. Sporadic appearances offshore throughout winter
<b><u>FERAL PIGEON</u></b>	Confirmed breeder. Not censused. Present in all months.
<b>Woodpigeon</b>	Singles on 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> March (probably same bird), 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> April (probably same bird), 22 <sup>nd</sup> May, 13 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> November

<b>Collared dove</b>	logged on 5 dates in May, max 2 at any one time. Singles on 3 dates in June and a single on 12 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Cuckoo</b>	Singles logged on 4 dates in May but impossible to say how many birds involved. Singing on 26 <sup>th</sup>
<b><u>LITTLE OWL</u></b>	Confirmed breeder. 5 pairs (4 in 2012). Bred successfully but first juv not seen until 11 <sup>th</sup> September. Birds recorded in all months except March and November
<b><u>SHORT-EARED OWL</u></b>	1 pair bred in the southern heathland (1 in 2012). No young confirmed but adults present throughout breeding season and behaved as if young present so assumed to have fledged. Singles on 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan and 3 <sup>rd</sup> November were the only winter records
<b>Swift</b>	First of year on 5 <sup>th</sup> May. 218 north in May of which 200 on 16 <sup>th</sup> alone. 18 logged in June, 12 in July
<b>Kingfisher</b>	Single bird on east coast from 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> August between Capel and Ogof Hen. First record since 2007
<b>Wryneck</b>	A single bird was at the volunteers bungalow on 10 <sup>th</sup> September (Helen Lumley).
<b><u>SKYLARK</u></b>	Confirmed breeder. 16 pairs (13 in 2012). 2 on 16 <sup>th</sup> February were the first of the year. Autumn passage ran from 13 <sup>th</sup> September to 30 <sup>th</sup> November consisting of 831+ mainly south and west (max 225+ on 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct).
<b>Sand martin</b>	First record of year not until 12 <sup>th</sup> April (19 <sup>th</sup> March in 2012). A very poor year for records. 6 on spring passage and just 1 record on 31 <sup>st</sup> August on return
<b><u>SWALLOW</u></b>	Confirmed breeder. 10 pairs (13 in 2012). First record of the year was late with 2 on 10 <sup>th</sup> April (19 <sup>th</sup> March in 2012). Spring passage: 3065+ between 10 <sup>th</sup> April and 4 <sup>th</sup> June (max 1300+ on 16 <sup>th</sup> May). Autumn passage: 7355+ south between early September and the last record on 17 <sup>th</sup> October. One pair were still feeding young in the generator shed on 10 <sup>th</sup> September.
<b><u>HOUSE MARTIN</u></b>	First breeding record for Ramsey. 1 pair bred in artificial nest box erected after birds began showing an interest in the eaves of the farmhouse on 18 <sup>th</sup> June and unsuccessfully tried to build a natural nest. A minimum of 5 young fledged between 19 <sup>th</sup> August and 1 <sup>st</sup> September. First record of year was 1 on 20 <sup>th</sup> April (8 <sup>th</sup> in 2012). A good year for records with 257+ logged



mainly north in spring and 145 mainly south in autumn, last record 4<sup>th</sup> October (7<sup>th</sup> in 2012)

**MEADOW PIPIT**

Confirmed breeder. 58 pairs (57 in 2012). Present in all months apart from December. Large spring and autumn movements with regular flocks 100-200 birds moving through in April (300+ on 20<sup>th</sup> April), with 300+ moving through in the last week of September and 250+ through most of October.

**ROCK PIPIT**

Confirmed breeder. 33 pairs (30 RMI, 3 B&C) (26 in 2012 all on RMI). Singing from 10<sup>th</sup> March. Present all year. Flocks of 20+ birds in October

**Yellow wagtail**

1 on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 3 on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 1 on 19<sup>th</sup> June were the spring records. A single on 17<sup>th</sup> July was the first returning bird. 1 or 2 birds logged daily from 26<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August, 1 on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 7 logged over 4 dates in October, last record 15<sup>th</sup> October (all *flavissima*).

**Grey Wagtail**

Singles on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September. 10 logged through October, max 4 west on 13<sup>th</sup>.

**PIED WAGTAIL**

Confirmed breeder. 8 pairs (4 in 2012). Recorded between 15<sup>th</sup> Feb and 10<sup>th</sup> November. First fledglings seen on 13<sup>th</sup> June

***White wagtail***

Another good year. 79 logged between 15<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> April (max 20 on several dates). 2 on 7<sup>th</sup> and 1 on 11<sup>th</sup> May. 2 on 31<sup>st</sup> August and small numbers, max 3, on several dates at start of September.

***'alba' wagtail***

17 on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August (probably same flock). 30+ on several dates at end of September. Up to 39 at start of October but no records after 5<sup>th</sup>.

**WREN**

Confirmed breeder. 49 pairs (40 in 2012). Present throughout.

**DUNNOCK**

Confirmed breeder. 13 pairs (9 in 2012). Present all year in small numbers, small influxes in October

**Robin**

Did not breed (last bred in 2009). Present from Jan to April and again from August to December. Max 40+ in October, down to 5-10 in winter.

**Black redstart**

Female type present throughout January and up to 12<sup>th</sup> February. Female type present from 6<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April and again from 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> November. Final record of year a female type on 1<sup>st</sup> December

<b>Whinchat</b>	Singles on 2 <sup>nd</sup> April, 10 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> September.
<b><u>STONECHAT</u></b>	Confirmed breeder. 14 pairs (19 in 2012). The hard winter probably slowed their recent recovery as numbers dropped slightly on 2012. Recorded in all months, max outside of breeding season was 20+ on 13 <sup>th</sup> September. Single figures through winter
<b><u>WHEATEAR</u></b>	Confirmed breeder. 107 pairs (109 in 2012). First record of year was 2 males on 9 <sup>th</sup> March (17 <sup>th</sup> in 2012). Last record was a single bird on 23 <sup>rd</sup> October (25 <sup>th</sup> Oct in 2012)
<i>Greenland wheatear</i>	2 on 30 <sup>th</sup> April. 2 on 19 <sup>th</sup> and 1 on 24 <sup>th</sup> May. Logged on 3 dates in September (max 4). 2 on 8 <sup>th</sup> and 2 on 12 <sup>th</sup> October
<b><u>BLACKBIRD</u></b>	Confirmed breeder. 16 pairs (14 in 2012). Present in all months. Max 50+ on several autumn dates.
<b>Ring Ouzel</b>	Juv around central ponds from 20 <sup>th</sup> August to 22 <sup>nd</sup> August. Probable male at Porth Lleuog on 4 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Fieldfare</b>	145 south on 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan then 2 on 25 <sup>th</sup> and 1 on 26 <sup>th</sup> . 1 on 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 3 records in March and 2 in April (last on 25 <sup>th</sup> ). 226 east on 11 <sup>th</sup> October were first of autumn. 400 in off sea on 10 <sup>th</sup> November, 7 other records in month. Present in small number in early December.
<b>Song thrush</b>	Recorded in all months apart from July, August and December. Maximum counts of 238 logged in January (max 170 south on 24 <sup>th</sup> ) 68 logged in February (max 12) and 133 in November (max 27)
<b>Redwing</b>	180 logged from 19 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> January. Just 2 in Feb and 1 in March. Logged on 3 dates in April up to 12 <sup>th</sup> . First of autumn was 42 on 11 <sup>th</sup> October with 89 in total that month. 24 over 9 dates in November (max 7) and recorded up to early December with 14 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
<b>Garden Warbler</b>	1 on 28 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Blackcap</b>	First record of year was 1 male on 30 <sup>th</sup> March (27 <sup>th</sup> in 2012). 23 logged through April (max 9), 12 in May (max 5). Last spring record 26 <sup>th</sup> May. 21 logged in September, 28 through October. Singles on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> November (last record)

## **WHITETHROAT**

Confirmed breeder. 11 pairs (7 in 2012). First record of year on 20<sup>th</sup> April. Second broods being fed on 29<sup>th</sup> June and out on 17<sup>th</sup> July. Recorded in small numbers (max 5) post breeding from August to early October. Last record 1 on 5<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Dartford Warbler**

Probably the same individual logged on 4 dates between 4<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October, originally at bungalow and then around central pond (LM and SV) – 3<sup>rd</sup> record for Ramsey, all since 2006

## **Sedge Warbler**

First record of year was on 28<sup>th</sup> April (1<sup>st</sup> May in 2012). Logged on 13 dates in May, mainly singles but 6 on 17<sup>th</sup>, some singing. Singing male on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Autumn singles on 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Booted warbler**

1 on 22<sup>nd</sup> September (GM) in big gorse stand above farmhouse valley. First from Ramsey and 5<sup>th</sup> for Wales

## **Willow warbler**

First record not until 8<sup>th</sup> April (27<sup>th</sup> March in 2012). 103 logged in April (max 23 on 12<sup>th</sup>). 28 logged over 8 dates in May. A singing male on 3<sup>rd</sup> June was last spring record. First return record on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. 2 more in the month followed by 54 in August (max 20+ on 8<sup>th</sup>), 84 over 16 dates in September (max 12). 15 logged in early October with last record of the year on 9<sup>th</sup> (last on 14<sup>th</sup> Oct in 2012)

## **Western Bonelli's warbler**

1 at Aber Myharan from 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September was a first for Ramsey (LM/GM)

## **Chiffchaff**

First of year was a single in the garden on 19<sup>th</sup> February (presumed to be a overwintering bird from mainland as opposed to a migrant). First presumed migrant (pollen horns visible) turned up in our bedroom on 11<sup>th</sup> March! No other records in month apart from 1 on 30<sup>th</sup> March. 25 logged in April, 7 in May. Last spring bird on 18<sup>th</sup> June. Return passage began on 5<sup>th</sup> July. None logged in August. 98 over 10 dates in September (max 44 on 28<sup>th</sup>). 87 logged through October (max 34 on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct). 2 present in Myharan at start of November, reduced to 1 by last record on 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **Yellow-browed warbler**

A record year with 2 on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 1 on 15<sup>th</sup> and 1 on 23<sup>rd</sup> – all thought to be different birds

## **Goldcrest**

First of year on 6<sup>th</sup> April and only 2 other records that month (max 5 on 12<sup>th</sup>). No more spring records. 40

logged over 16 dates in September (max 5). 171 logged through October (max 28 on 17<sup>th</sup>). 27 logged up to the last record on 16<sup>th</sup> November (max 7 on 10<sup>th</sup>).

**Spotted flycatcher**

A good year. 19 logged in May from the first record on 16<sup>th</sup> (max 6 on several dates). 10 in June up to 7<sup>th</sup>. Singles on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August with 23 logged over 13 dates in September (max 3). Last record of year was a single bird on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**GREAT TIT**

Confirmed breeder. 1 pair (1 pair in 2012). Second successive year of successful breeding. Fledged a min of 2 from first brood on 13<sup>th</sup> June from a nest in a rubbish pile in the courtyard. 3 fledged from a second brood on 10<sup>th</sup> August from a nest in a hole in the stone wall of the woodshed. Recorded in all months, mainly just the breeding pair outside of the breeding season but up to 5 in October

**Blue tit**

A single bird present for the whole of January and February. No further records until 1 on 20<sup>th</sup> June. Then a singles on 13<sup>th</sup> September plus 10 on 29<sup>th</sup> (5 east and 5 on island). Present all month in October in small numbers with some signs of movement – 14 on 5<sup>th</sup> and 35 on 13<sup>th</sup> the highest counts (most birds came across from mainland heading west but usually turned back when they hit the west coast). 3 present throughout November.

**Long-tailed tit**

12 in off the sea from the west on morning of 10<sup>th</sup> November. Carried on east towards mainland

**Woodchat shrike**

1 on 26<sup>th</sup> May at Chamomile corner. Photographed by day visitor and then refound later by AC

**Magpie**

Did not breed (1 pair in 2012). Only records were 3 on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 3 on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1 on 15<sup>th</sup> October and a single present for 3 days in mid November.

**JACKDAW**

Confirmed breeder. Not censused but bred in holes on east and south facing cliffs as usual. Present most of year but usual post breeding absence from July to 1<sup>st</sup> September. Regular flocks of 200+ in October.

**CHOUGH**

Confirmed breeder. 7 territorial pairs (8 in 2012) of which 7 bred (7 in 2012), fledging 14 young – 2.0 per breeding pair (2.0 in 2012). Productivity was again hit by the loss of 2 nests in late April at incubation stage (force 10 NE winds) – the same scenario as in 2012.

Max flock size from monthly feeding transects:

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
7	7	24	23	21	23	30	30	35	40	7	8

- Rook** A good year for what is a scarce bird on Ramsey. Singles on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April and 28<sup>th</sup> September
- CARRION CROW** Confirmed breeder. 7 pairs (6 in 2012). Present all year. Some local movement in autumn with max flocks of 100+ on 29<sup>th</sup> September and 50+ on several dates in October
- Hooded crow** Singles on 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May plus 10<sup>th</sup> June
- RAVEN** Confirmed breeder. 4 pairs (4 in 2012). Min of 4 fledged. Present all year. Max flock of 40 on several dates in autumn.
- Starling** Recorded in all months apart from May and August. Regular flocks of 150-200+ in autumn and winter with a maximum of 700+ feeding above Aber Mawr on 10<sup>th</sup> November. 20 juvs on 25<sup>th</sup> June were the first returning birds of the 'autumn'.
- House Sparrow** Singles males on 20<sup>th</sup> March and 20<sup>th</sup> April then a singing male present for the whole of June but no female seen. A male logged on 4 dates in July with 2 juvs present on 17<sup>th</sup> July, presumably from mainland. Single female present on 3 dates in October. Final record of year a female on 13<sup>th</sup> November
- Chaffinch** Recorded from January to April and September to November. Mainly 1-3 birds in the early part of the year with an increase in April which saw 20 logged in the month. None after 26<sup>th</sup> April until a movement of 56 east on 28<sup>th</sup> September. Total autumn movement was 492+ moving in all directions apart from north up to late November (max 173 south on 13<sup>th</sup> October)
- Brambling** 1 in farmhouse garden on 1<sup>st</sup> November was the only record.
- Greenfinch** A very poor year. 1 on 5<sup>th</sup> October and 2 on 15<sup>th</sup> were the only records.

<b>Goldfinch</b>	Recorded in small numbers on several dates in March. Present all month in varying number through April with a max of 25 on 19 <sup>th</sup> . Present on and off through May with a max of 20-30 on several dates, No records after 25 <sup>th</sup> May until 2 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August. 2 juvs on 18 <sup>th</sup> August then autumn passage of 195 east through October and 32 in November up to 26 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Siskin</b>	4 on 26 <sup>th</sup> April, 2 on 7 <sup>th</sup> May, 1 on 16 <sup>th</sup> June, 18 south on 4 <sup>th</sup> October and singles west on 13 <sup>th</sup> October, 10 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Hawfinch</b>	Single female in farmhouse garden on 12 <sup>th</sup> April (LM). First for Ramsey
<b><u>LINNET</u></b>	Confirmed breeder. 37 pairs (78 pairs in 2011) – significant decrease in breeding population possibly caused by increase in rabbit numbers and lack of seeding grass with which to feed young. First record of year were 3 on 20 <sup>th</sup> March. Recorded in all months thereafter up to 26 <sup>th</sup> November. Regular max flock sizes of 50-60 birds. The only movement noted was 152 east on 13 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Lesser redpoll</b>	2 on 7 <sup>th</sup> May then singles logged on 3 <sup>rd</sup> June, 11 <sup>th</sup> October, 10 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> November (mainly calling fly overs heading west)
<b>Reed Bunting</b>	Singles on 13 <sup>th</sup> January, 15 <sup>th</sup> April and on 5 dates in October. Last record of year a single on 9 <sup>th</sup> November.