**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES OF SUMMER VISITORS, 2015**

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|  | **First recorded date** | | | **Last recorded date** | | |
|  | **2015** | **1960 to 2014** | **10-yr average (± SD in days)** | **2015** | **1960 to 2014** | **10-yr average (± SD in days)** |
| **Garganey** | 10 Mar | 2 Feb | 10 Mar (±10) | 1 Oct | 13 Dec | 3 Oct (± 22) |
| **Quail** | 14 Jun | 6 Feb | 18 May (± 20) | 1 Sep | 15 Nov2 | 29 Aug (±30) |
| **Osprey** | 2 Apr | 4 Mar | 22 Mar (±10) | 8 Nov | 9 Dec | 26 Oct (± 7) |
| **Little Ringed Plover** | 12 Mar | 6 Mar | 16 Mar (±7) | 16 Sep | 8 Oct | 25 Sep (± 9) |
| **Wood Sandpiper** | 26 Apr | 11 Feb | 8 May (±22) | 27 Sep | 3 Nov | 3 Oct (±15) |
| **Pomarine Skua** | 2 May | 10 Mar | 18 Apr (±3) | - | 31 Dec | 13 Oct (±49) |
| **Little Tern** | 12 Apr | 1 Apr | 7 Apr (±4) | 15 Sep | 4 Nov | 23 Sep (±11) |
| **Black Tern** | 23 Apr | 9 Mar | 15 Apr (±13) | 26 Sep | 16 Nov3 | 3 Oct (±19) |
| **Common Tern** | 1 Apr | 14 Mar | 24 Mar (±7) | 25 Oct | 26 Nov | 27 Oct (±14) |
| **Roseate Tern** | 2 May | 17 Apr | 9 May (±17) | - | 5 Oct | 14 Aug (±31) |
| **Arctic Tern** | 9 Apr | 2 Apr | 10 Apr (±5) | 22 Sep | 31 Dec | 23 Oct (±17) |
| **Common/Arctic Tern** | 3 Apr | 10 Mar | 2 Apr (±4) | 27 Sep | 31 Dec | 14 Oct (±12) |
| **Turtle Dove** | 13 Apr | 5 Feb | 11 Apr(±10) | 21 Sep | 18 Dec | 23 Sep (±11) |
| **Common Cuckoo** | 6 Apr | 21 Mar4 | 1 Apr (±5) | 6 Sep | 23 Oct5 | 13 Sep (±11) |
| **Nightjar** | 9 May | 14 Apr 14 | 4 May (±8) | 4 Sep | 5 Nov | 18 Sep (±10) |
| **Common Swift** | 8 Apr | 7 Apr | 13 Apr (±4) | 28 Sep1 | 24 Nov | 7 Oct (±18) |
| **Wryneck** | 18 Apr | 22 Mar18 | 21 Apr (±15) | 6 Oct | 2 Nov6 | 4 Oct(±11) |
| **Hobby** | 4 Apr | 21 Mar | 6 Apr (±4) | 24 Oct | 9 Nov | 25 Oct (± 9) |
| **Sand Martin** | 7 Mar | 27 Feb | 11 Mar (±8) | 18 Oct | 1 Dec7 | 18 Oct (±11) |
| **Barn Swallow** | 9 Mar | 4 Feb17 | 11 Mar (±11) | 13 Dec | 28 Dec17 | 23 Nov (±11) |
| **House Martin** | 12 Mar | 1 Feb | 19 Mar (± 6) | 9 Dec | 18 Dec8 | 14 Nov (±8) |
| **Wood Warbler** | 26 Apr | 7 Apr | 16 Apr (±5) | 30 Aug | 7 Oct | 16 Sep (±13) |
| **Willow Warbler** | 13 Mar | 4 Mar | 19 Mar (±6) | 18 Oct | 27 Nov9 | 27 Oct (±8) |
| **Garden Warbler** | 8 Apr | 28 Mar | 4 Apr (±6) | 10 Oct | 16 Nov | 14 Oct (±11) |
| **Lesser Whitethroat** | 15 Apr1 | 4 Apr | 10 Apr (±5) | 19 Oct | 18 Nov10 | 13 Oct (±12) |
| **Common Whitethroat** | 6 Apr | 19 Mar | 2 Apr (±6) | 11 Nov | 17 Dec | 22 Oct (±18) |
| **Grasshopper Warbler** | 9 Apr | 2 Apr | 9 Apr (±5) | 2 Oct | 1 Nov | 12 Oct(±5) |
| **Sedge Warbler** | 3 Apr | 23 Mar | 31 Mar (±6) | 8 Oct | 29 Oct | 14 Oct (±5) |
| **Reed Warbler** | 2 Apr1 | 2 Apr | 7 Apr (±4) | 3 Nov | 1 Dec | 7 Nov (±14) |
| **Ring Ouzel** | 4 Feb1 | 9 Feb11 | 31 Mar (±6) | 31 Oct | 26 Dec | 14 Nov (±6) |
| **Spotted Flycatcher** | 25 Apr | 10 Apr15 | 25 Apr (±8) | 10 Oct | 18 Nov | 13 Oct (±11) |
| **Common Nightingale** | 3 Apr | 21 Mar | 4 Apr (±5) | 31 Aug | 1 Oct12 | 14 Sep (±11) |
| **Pied Flycatcher** | 12 Apr | 1 Apr | 12 Apr (±5) | 27 Sep | 1 Nov | 29 Sep (±7) |
| **Common Redstart** | 5 Apr | 5 Mar | 29 Mar (± 11) | 26 Oct | 26 Dec | 26 Oct (±25) |
| **Whinchat** | 13 Apr | 18 Feb | 6 Apr (±14) | 13 Oct | 2 Dec | 29 Oct (±9) |
| **Northern Wheatear** | 3 Mar | 13 Feb | 6 Mar (±9) | 20 Nov | 31 Dec | 15 Nov (±7) |
| **Yellow Wagtail** | 17 Mar | 12 Feb | 25 Mar (±9) | 1 Nov | 23 Nov13 | 27 Oct (±10) |
| **Tree Pipit** | 8 Apr | 24 Mar16 | 31 Mar (±6) | 25 Oct | 9 Nov | 16 Oct (±10) |

Notes: 1county record early or late date; 2excludes historic December records; 3excludes one in Cuckmere Valley 13-21 Nov 1954; 4excludes one at Fairlight Cove on 15 Mar 1936; 5excludes one at Goodwood on 11 Nov 1928; 6excludes one at the Crumbles on 5 Nov 1947; 7excludes record from unknown location on 5 Dec 1911; 8excludes three at Fishbourne on 22 Dec 1894; 9excludes two historic records on 26 Dec 1892 and 1949; 10excludes one at Burgess Hill on 21 Nov 1957 and known wintering birds; 11excludes one at Mannings Heath on 2 Feb 1905; 12excludes one at North Bersted on 19 Oct 1943; 13excludes one at Sidlesham between 11 Dec 1960 and 14 Jan 1961; 14 excludes one at Pulborough on 8 Apr 1912; 15 excludes one at Hastings on 8 Apr 1909; 16 excludes record from unknown location on 17 Mar 1922; 17 excludes wintering one at Newick; 18 excludes one on 9 Mar 1908 and on 10 Mar 1918 both at Pulborough.

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| **DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL DATES OF WINTER VISITORS, 2015**   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Last recorded date** | | | **First recorded date** | | | |  | **2015** | **1960 to 2014** | **10-yr average (± SD in days)** | **2015** | **1960 to 2014** | **10-yr average (± SD in days)** | | **Bewick’s Swan** | 25 Feb | 26 Apr | 4 Mar (±10) | 21 Nov | 6 Oct | 14 Nov (± 16) | | **White-fronted Goose** | 22 May | 25 May | 23 Mar (± 30) | 3 Oct | 12 Sep | 19 Oct (± 28) | | **Long-tailed Duck** | 29 Apr | 14 Jun | 23 Apr (± 40) | 16 Oct | 12 Aug | 6 Nov (±10) | | **Velvet Scoter** | 30 Apr | 15 Jun | 16 May (± 14) | 11 Oct | 2 Aug | 27 Oct (± 15) | | **Goldeneye** | 5 Apr | 31 May | 21 Apr (± 15) | 16 Sep | 6 Aug | 9 Oct (±29) | | **Smew** | 18 Feb | 24 Apr | 2 Mar (±14) | 4 Dec | 22 Oct | 3 Dec (±18) | | **Goosander** | 30 Mar | 14 Jun | 13 Apr (±29) | 17 Oct | 12 Sep | 26 Oct (±13) | | **Black-throated Diver** | 4 May | 21 Jun | 24 May (±6) | 20 Oct | 3 Aug | 7 Oct (±23) | | **Great Northern Diver** | 26 May | 21 Jun | 30 May (± 10) | 20 Oct | 16 Sep | 24 Oct (±14) | | **Red-necked Grebe** | 9 Feb | 19 Jun | 12 Apr (± 20) | 24 Nov | 13 Aug2 | 28 Sep (±30) | | **Hen Harrier** | 15 Jun | 19 Jun | 21 May (± 13) | 5 Sep | 4 Aug | 24 Aug (±13) | | **Purple Sandpiper** | 14 May | 4 Jun | 2 May (±17) | 17 Oct | 1 Jul | 6 Sep (±39) | | **Jack Snipe** | 23 Apr | 19 May | 14 Apr (± 15) | 10 Sep | 24 Aug | 28 Sep (±21) | | **Great Grey Shrike** | 11 Apr | 5 May4 | 1 Apr (±15) | 16 Oct | 26 Sep3 | 13 Oct( ±8) | | **Fieldfare** | 25 Apr | 5 Jun | 25 Apr (± 11) | 20 Sept | 6 Aug | 30 Sep (± 8) | | **Redwing** | 19 Apr | 26 May5 | 16 Apr (±9) | 28 Sep | 6 Aug | 21 Sep (± 17) | | **Water Pipit** | 9 Apr | 28 May | 23 Mar (± 16) | 25 Oct | 1 Sep | 1 Nov (±6) | | **Brambling** | 18 Apr | 12 May | 18 Apr (±13) | 29 Sep | 3 Sep | 29 Sep (±5) | | **Snow Bunting** | 22 Feb | 6 May | 16 Feb (±24) | 29 Oct | 17 Sep | 21 Oct (± 9) |   Notes: 1earliest or latest county record; 2excludes one off Brighton on 3 Aug 1872; 3excludes one at The Crumbles on 7 Sep 1899; 4excludes one at Rye Hbr on 14 May 1950; 5excludes two undated historic records of birds found dead in June.  **Arrival and Departure Dates**  The tables include information from 1960 with earlier notable records in notes. To make a clear cut-off between arrival and departure dates all January records have been omitted from the table of summer visitors and from the calculation of mean dates and all July dates from the table of winter visitors with the exception of Purple Sandpipers, which regularly return to their winter grounds in July. Any January and July dates for the current year are to be found as footnotes. The large numbers of terns seen at seawatches to which a specific identification could not be ascribed have been included as Common/Arctic Tern. The early dates are most likely to refer to Common Tern and the later ones could be either Common or Arctic.  The ten-year average is included to indicate if the date quoted is unusual and is calculated from the 10 years prior to the current one. The standard deviation gives an indication of the reliability of the average (64% of values fall within one standard deviation). For example, a standard deviation of ±7 means that 64% of the dates fall within 7 days of that average. |