UNUSUAL RECORDS

All records of the unusual species listed below are required to be considered by the Records Committee and it may be assumed that those published in the annual Sussex Bird Report have been fully authenticated.

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| Whooper Swan | Dotterel | Willow Tit |
| Bean Goose (both races) | Temmick’s Stint | Greenish Warbler |
| Pink-footed Goose | White-rumped Sandpiper | Pallas’ Leaf Warbler |
| American Wigeon | Buff-breasted Sandpiper | Yellow-browed Warbler |
| Green-winged Teal | Pectoral Sandpiper | Radde’s Warbler |
| Ring-necked Duck | Red-necked Phalarope | Dusky Warbler |
| Ferruginous Duck | Grey Phalarope | **Wood Warbler\*** |
| Lesser Scaup | Pomarine Skua (not spring) | Barred Warbler |
| Surf Scoter | Long-tailed Skua | Subalpine Warbler |
| All pheasants (except Common) | Puffin | Icterine Warbler |
| White-billed Diver | Black Guillemot | Melodious Warbler |
| All shearwaters (Except Manx) | Little Auk | Blyth’s Reed Warbler |
| All petrels (Except fulmar) | White-winged Black Tern | Marsh Warbler |
| Night Heron | Roseate Tern | Rose-coloured Starling |
| Cattle Egret | Sabine’s Gull | Dipper |
| Great White Egret | Ring-billed Gull | Bluethroat |
| Purple Heron | Caspian Gull | Red-breasted Flycatcher |
| White Stork | Iceland Gull | Citrine Wagtail |
| Glossy Ibis | Glaucous Gull | Richard’s Pipit |
| **Red-necked Grebe\*** | Alpine Swift | Olive-backed Pipit |
| Honey-buzzard | Bee-eater | Water Pipit |
| Black Kite | Red-footed Falcon | Common Rosefinch |
| White-tailed Eagle | Golden Oriole | Twite |
| Montagu’s Harrier | Red-backed Shrike | Common (Mealy) Redpoll |
| Goshawk | Woodchat Shrike | Parrot Crossbill |
| Rough-legged Buzzard | Chough | Serin |
| Spotted Crake | Hooded Crow | Lapland Bunting |
| Common Crane | Penduline Tit | Cirl Bunting |
| Stone-curlew | Shore Lark | Ortolan Bunting |
| American Golden Plover | Short-toed Lark | Little Bunting |
| Kentish Plover | Red-rumped Swallow | **\*new additions for 2017** |

In addition, descriptions are required for all races other than the normally occurring one including: Black Brant, “Baltic” *fuscus* Lesser Black-backed Gull, “Northern” *argentus* Herring Gull (except Rye Bay), Kumlien’s Gull, “Scandinavian*” littoralis* Rock Pipit, Yellow wagtail, “Continental” *ater* Coal Tit, “Siberian” Chiffchaff and “Northern” Willow Warbler. However descriptions are not required for the following sub-species/races: Pale-bellied Brent Goose, intermedius Lesser Black-backed Gull, White Wagtail and Greenland Wheatear.

It should be noted that descriptions may be required for any species seen in unusual circumstances or on an unusual date.

Records of unusual species should be submitted on the forms available from the SOS website or from the Recorder. Completed forms should be sent to the Recorder, preferably by e-mail although postal submissions will also be accepted.

Reports of national rarities as defined by the British Birds Rarities Committee should be submitted to the Recorder either in the same format as above or on forms available from the Secretary of the BBRC.

Observers are encouraged to submit photographs in support of their records but these should accompany a Scarce Records Form and not be in place of a written description.