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. The treatment of species and subspecies reflects the decision by the British Ornithologists’ Union Records Committee to adopt the International Ornithological Congress (IOC) World Bird List with effect from January 2018.

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| Whooper Swan | Dotterel | Willow Tit |
| Taiga Bean Goose  | Temminck’s Stint | Greenish Warbler |
| Pink-footed Goose | White-rumped Sandpiper | Pallas’s Leaf Warbler |
| Tundra Bean Goose | Buff-breasted Sandpiper | Yellow-browed Warbler |
| American Wigeon | Pectoral Sandpiper | Radde’s Warbler |
| Green-winged Teal | Red-necked Phalarope | Dusky Warbler |
| Ring-necked 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 |
| Purple Heron | Ring-billed Gull | Bluethroat |
| White Stork | Caspian Gull | Red-flanked Bluetail |
| Glossy Ibis | Iceland Gull | Red-breasted Flycatcher |
| Red-necked Grebe | Glaucous Gull | Citrine Wagtail |
| Honey-buzzard | Alpine Swift | Richard’s Pipit |
| Black Kite | Bee-eater | Olive-backed Pipit |
| White-tailed Eagle | Red-footed Falcon | Water Pipit |
| Montagu’s Harrier | Golden Oriole | Common Rosefinch |
| Goshawk | Red-backed Shrike | Twite |
| Rough-legged Buzzard | Woodchat Shrike | Common Redpoll |
| Spotted Crake | Chough | Parrot Crossbill |
| Crane | Hooded Crow | Serin |
| Stone-curlew | Penduline Tit | Lapland Bunting |
| Black-winged Stilt | Shore Lark | Cirl Bunting |
| American Golden Plover | Short-toed Lark | Ortolan Bunting |
| Kentish Plover | Red-rumped Swallow | Little Bunting |

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

It should also 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.