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 | White-rumped Sandpiper | Arctic Warbler |
| Taiga Bean Goose  | Buff-breasted Sandpiper | Greenish Warbler |
| Pink-footed Goose | Pectoral Sandpiper | Pallas’s Leaf Warbler |
| Tundra Bean Goose | Red-necked Phalarope | Yellow-browed Warbler |
| American Wigeon | Grey Phalarope | Radde’s Warbler |
| Green-winged Teal | Lesser Yellowlegs | Dusky Warbler |
| Ring-necked Duck | Pomarine Skua (not spring) | Wood Warbler |
| Lesser Scaup | Long-tailed Skua | Barred Warbler |
| Surf Scoter | Puffin | Icterine Warbler |
| All pheasants (except Common) | Black Guillemot | Melodious Warbler |
| White-billed Diver | Little Auk | Blyth’s Reed Warbler |
| All shearwaters (except Manx) | White-winged Black Tern | Marsh Warbler |
| All petrels (except Fulmar) | Roseate Tern | Rose-coloured Starling |
| Night-heron | Sabine’s Gull | Dipper |
| Purple Heron | Ring-billed Gull | Bluethroat |
| White Stork (not released birds) | 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 |
| Rough-legged Buzzard | Red-backed Shrike | Twite |
| Spotted Crake | Woodchat Shrike | Common Redpoll |
| Crane | Chough | Parrot Crossbill |
| Stone-curlew | Hooded Crow | Serin |
| Black-winged Stilt | Penduline Tit | Lapland Bunting |
| American Golden Plover | Shore Lark | Cirl Bunting |
| Kentish Plover | Short-toed Lark | Ortolan Bunting |
| Dotterel | Red-rumped Swallow | Little Bunting |
| Temminck’s Stint | Willow Tit |  |

In addition, descriptions are required for all races other than the normally occurring one including: Black Brant, ‘Baltic’ *fuscus* Lesser Black-backed 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.