UNUSUAL RECORDS

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

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| All pheasants (except Common) | White-winged Black Tern | Wood Warbler |
| Taiga Bean Goose | Pomarine Skua (not spring) | Pallas’s Leaf Warbler |
| Pink-footed Goose | Long-tailed Skua | Radde’s Warbler |
| Tundra Bean Goose | Little Auk | Dusky Warbler |
| Whooper Swan | Black Guillemot | Greenish Warbler |
| American Wigeon | Puffin | Arctic Warbler |
| Green-winged Teal | White-billed Diver | Blyth’s Reed Warbler |
| Ring-necked Duck | All petrels (except Fulmar) | Marsh Warbler |
| Surf Scoter | All shearwaters (except Manx) | Melodious Warbler |
| Alpine Swift | White Stork3 | Icterine Warbler |
| Corncrake | Glossy Ibis | Barred Warbler |
| Spotted Crake | Night-heron | Rose-coloured Starling |
| Crane | Purple Heron | Red-spotted Bluethroat5 |
| Red-necked Grebe | Honey-buzzard | Red-flanked Bluetail |
| Stone-curlew | Montagu’s Harrier | Red-breasted Flycatcher |
| Black-winged Stilt | Black Kite | Dipper |
| American Golden Plover | White-tailed Eagle4 | Citrine Wagtail |
| Dotterel | Rough-legged Buzzard | Richard’s Pipit |
| Temminck’s Stint | Hoopoe | Olive-backed Pipit |
| White-rumped Sandpiper | Bee-eater | Water Pipit6 |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | Red-footed Falcon | Common Rosefinch |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | Red-backed Shrike | Twite |
| Red-necked Phalarope | Woodchat Shrike | Common Redpoll |
| Grey Phalarope | Golden Oriole | Parrot Crossbill |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | Chough | Serin |
| Sabine’s Gull | Hooded Crow | Lapland Bunting |
| Ring-billed Gull | Willow Tit | Ortolan Bunting |
| Glaucous Gull | Penduline Tit | Cirl Bunting |
| Iceland Gull | Shore Lark | Little Bunting |
| Caspian Gull1 | Short-toed Lark |  |
| Roseate Tern2 | Red-rumped Swallow |  |

1 Except for coastal area from Newhaven to Eastbourne.

2 Except for Rye Hbr LNR.

3 Except individuals referable to UK White Stork Project.

4 Only where there is evidence that the individual is not from the Isle of Wight project.

5 White-spotted Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica cyanecula* is a BBRC subspecies.

6 Except for coastal area from Eastbourne eastwards.

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

Descriptions may also 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 are also acceptable.

Reports of national rarities as defined by the British Birds Rarities Committee (BBRC) should be submitted to the Recorder either in the same format as above or on BBRC forms available from the Recorder or via the BBRC website <https://www.bbrc.org.uk/submit-a-sighting>.