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 | Pallas’s Leaf Warbler |
| Taiga Bean Goose | Pomarine Skua (not spring) | Radde’s Warbler |
| Pink-footed Goose | Long-tailed Skua | Dusky Warbler |
| Tundra Bean Goose | Little Auk | Greenish Warbler |
| Whooper Swan | Black Guillemot | Arctic Warbler |
| American Wigeon | Puffin | Blyth’s Reed Warbler |
| Green-winged Teal | White-billed Diver | Marsh Warbler |
| Ring-necked Duck | All petrels (except Fulmar) | Melodious Warbler |
| Surf Scoter | All shearwaters (except Manx) | Icterine Warbler |
| Smew | White Stork1 | Barred Warbler |
| Alpine Swift | Glossy Ibis | Rose-coloured Starling |
| Corncrake | Night-heron | Red-spotted Bluethroat2 |
| Spotted Crake | Purple Heron | Red-flanked Bluetail |
| Crane | Montagu’s Harrier | Red-breasted Flycatcher |
| Red-necked Grebe | Black Kite | Dipper |
| Stone-curlew | White-tailed Eagle1 | Citrine Wagtail |
| Black-winged Stilt | Rough-legged Buzzard | Richard’s Pipit |
| American Golden Plover | Hoopoe | Olive-backed Pipit |
| Dotterel | Bee-eater | Water Pipit3 |
| Temminck’s Stint | Red-footed Falcon | Common Rosefinch |
| White-rumped Sandpiper | Red-backed Shrike | Twite |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | Woodchat Shrike | Common Redpoll |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | Golden Oriole | Parrot Crossbill |
| Red-necked Phalarope | Chough | Serin |
| Grey Phalarope | Hooded Crow | Lapland Bunting |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | Willow Tit | Ortolan Bunting |
| Sabine’s Gull | Penduline Tit | Cirl Bunting |
| Ring-billed Gull | Shore Lark | Little Bunting |
| Glaucous Gull | Short-toed Lark |  |
| Iceland Gull | Red-rumped Swallow |  |
| Roseate Tern | Wood Warbler |  |

1 Only when thee is evidence that the bird is of wild origin and not from a reintroduction project or otherwise escaped or released.

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

3 Except for coastal area from Eastbourne eastwards.

In addition, descriptions are required for some subspecies, including: ‘Black Brant’ (*B. b. nigricans*), ‘Kumlien’s Gull’ (*L. g.* *kumlieni*), ‘Continental’ Coal Tit (nominate *P. a. ater*), ‘Siberian’ Chiffchaff (*P. c. tristis*), ‘Northern’ Willow Warbler (*P. t. acredula*) and Yellow Wagtail forms *M.f. thunbergi* and *M. f. flava*. However, descriptions are not required for the following subspecies: ‘Pale-bellied’ Brent Goose (*B. b. hrota*), nominate Herring Gull (*L. a. argentatus*), *intermedius* Lesser Black-backed Gull, ‘Greenland’ Wheatear (*O. o. leucorhoa*) and nominate White Wagtail (*M. a. alba*).

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>.