

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.

All pheasants (except Common)	Iceland Gull	Short-toed Lark
Taiga Bean Goose	Roseate Tern	Red-rumped Swallow
Pink-footed Goose	White-winged Black Tern	Wood Warbler
Tundra Bean Goose	Pomarine Skua (not spring)	Pallas's Leaf Warbler
Whooper Swan	Long-tailed Skua	Radde's Warbler
American Wigeon	Little Auk	Dusky Warbler
Ruddy Duck	Black Guillemot	Greenish Warbler
Green-winged Teal	Puffin	Arctic Warbler
Greater Scaup	White-billed Diver	Blyth's Reed Warbler
Ring-necked Duck	All petrels (except Fulmar)	Marsh Warbler
Surf Scoter	All shearwaters ¹	Melodious Warbler
Smew	White Stork ²	Icterine Warbler
Alpine Swift	Glossy Ibis	Barred Warbler
Corncrake	Night-heron	Rose-coloured Starling
Spotted Crake	Purple Heron	Red-spotted Bluethroat ³
Crane	Montagu's Harrier	Red-flanked Bluetail
Red-necked Grebe	Black Kite	Red-breasted Flycatcher
Stone-curlew	White-tailed Eagle ²	Dipper
Black-winged Stilt	Rough-legged Buzzard	Citrine Wagtail
American Golden Plover	Hoopoe	Richard's Pipit
Dotterel	Bee-eater	Olive-backed Pipit
Temminck's Stint	Red-footed Falcon	Common Rosefinch
White-rumped Sandpiper	Great Grey Shrike	Twite
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Red-backed Shrike	Parrot Crossbill
Pectoral Sandpiper	Woodchat Shrike	Serin
Red-necked Phalarope	Golden Oriole	Lapland Bunting
Grey Phalarope	Chough	Ortolan Bunting
Lesser Yellowlegs	Hooded Crow	Cirl Bunting
Sabine's Gull	Willow Tit	Little Bunting
Ring-billed Gull	Penduline Tit	
Glaucous Gull	Shore Lark	

¹ Except for Balearic and Manx

² Only when there is evidence that the bird is of wild origin and not from a reintroduction project or otherwise escaped or released.

³ White-spotted Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica cyanecula* is a BBRC subspecies.

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*), Yellow Wagtail forms *M.f. thunbergi* and *M. f. flava*, and nominate Redpoll *A.f.flammea*.

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>.