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GERRY DONNELLY RIP

Gerry Donnelly, who died on June 21st, was a lifelong friend of me. Among much else, we shared an interest in birds and their welfare. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, when we were both members of the then Irish Wildbird Conservancy council, Gerry, as Chairman, played a key role in the more formal establishment and renaming of the IWC as BirdWatch Ireland, as well as the setting up of office premises and appointing the first full-time staff of the organisation.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

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A LIST OF THE BIRDS OF THE COUNTIES GALWAY & MAYO by R.F. RUTLEDGE (Published 1950)

(Continued from Grasshopper Warbler)

Sedge Warbler. *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* (L)

A regular summer visitor from early May. Seen frequently in the second week of September. The latest date September 18th in Co. Mayo. Widespread and common, it frequents 'bog lakes' and streams where there are reeds, also the islands of the larger lakes. Mrs Bingham did not include it for the Mullet and I have not seen it there though J.N.R. Grainger saw it with young at Cross Lough on 2nd June 1945. It is common around Lough Carrowmore in desolate Erris. I have failed to find it on Inishbofin and on Inishturk where Witherby noted it in May 1895. There seems no evidence that it now breeds regularly on Achill, though reported present by Ussher, and breeding on Clare Island seems doubtful. I could not find it on the Aran Islands in the summer of 1943 though in Co. Galway its range spreads to the most western promontories such as that near Slyne Head.

Aquatic Warbler. *Acrocephalus paludicola* (Vieill.)

A single bird was watched at very close quarters when the cream medial crown-streak and other diagnostic characteristics were noted by J. Walpole-Bond on Achill Island on June 2nd 1906. June is an abnormal month in which to meet this bird but the occurrence is fully authenticated.

Barred Warbler. *Sylvia nisoria* (Bechst.)

One was obtained at Belmullet Co. Mayo on September 24th 1884. One was killed at Eeragh

Island Lighthouse, Aran Islands, Co. Galway on October 8th 1927.

Garden Warbler. *Sylvia borin* (Bodd.)

Previously a very rare summer visitor. No proof of recent occurrence. Good stated that he found the bird breeding near Ballynew near the Castlebar River previous to 1924. Careful research has been unrewarded in recent years. I observed a single bird on an island in Lough Mask on May 28th 1928. Messrs Warren and Williams failed to trace this warbler in Co Mayo in extensive research in 1893. I have been unable to obtain any proof that the species visits either county regularly.

Blackcap. *Sylvia atricapilla atricapilla* (L)

Rare and irregular summer visitor and passage migrant. Warren never traced it in south Co. Mayo but one was heard in song near Belleek Manor near Ballina and a nest found in May 1886 (*Zoologist* 1886, p. 366). Good found it breeding on the Castlebar River where I have been unable to find it in recent years. Two pairs were seen by Colonel Lascelles on May 8th 1917 on an island in Lough Carra, Co. Mayo. I heard one by the shores of Lough Mask in May 1928 but failed to find a nest. Mr John Garvey had one nesting at Murrisk on Clew Bay in 1927. In Co. Galway the Blackcap bred formerly at Clonbrock and possibly at Portumna but there is no proof of it there now. I failed to find it there or elsewhere after an extensive tour of that district in June 1944. Ussher heard of a Blackcap at Dunmore, Co. Galway in winter. On migration the Blackcap has occurred several times in October. One at Eagle Island, Co. Mayo 31st Oct. 1886. Achill Island, one in 1882 and 1887 while two occurred there in October 1887. On Eagle Island October 1911. One first year male Slyne Head Lighthouse, Co. Galway on Nov. 2nd 1945.

Whitethroat. *Sylvia communis communis* (Lath.)

Summer visitor from first half of May until August. Common and extremely widely distributed. Plentiful even in the most desolate places and on headlands where there is no cover beyond brambles and low scrub. Scarce on the Mullet but it frequents marine islands such as Inishbofin, Clare Island, Achill Island. Ussher (*Clare Island Survey*. *Avis*, p. 8) contradicts his statement (*Birds of Ireland*, Ussher and Warren, p. 13) that he failed to find it on the Aran Islands, Co. Galway. During two visits to the Aran Islands, I failed to trace any Whitethroats and Mr Roche, lighthouse keeper there, was unfamiliar with the bird. During July 1945, a year notable for their numbers, I did not see a Whitethroat on the Aran Islands.

(To be continued)

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MY BIRD GUIDES AND OTHER BIRD BOOKS

About ten years ago, I catalogued my entire book collection by subject, author etc. and the number of books in the 'Birds' section really surprised me. There were just over one hundred volumes, although with the passage of time this list is not now completely accurate – some books I have given away and, inevitably, I have acquired more. Nevertheless, it is a good summary of my lifetime of interest in birds.

The volumes vary from general ornithological subjects to local guides and overseas ones on now long-past travel destinations.

The earliest one is a very old battered *The Observer Book of British Birds* which was originally my grandfather's. It appears to have been published during WW2 in the 1940s as, of the 200 species listed, only every second bird is shown in colour – due, I think, to wartime printing constraints. At the time, I was better at identifying the birds that were shown in colour! The Observer series was the first real guide effort of classifying species in pocket size.

The second oldest is *How to recognise British Wildbirds* by the Young Naturalist series. It is in full colour and classifies the birds by location: Garden, Field and Wood, Brook and Waterside etc. Inside the cover is written: "To Neil - Confirmation 2nd May 1948 from Aunt May" (Sharkey).

Other books worth mentioning are the three bird atlases for the UK and Ireland:

The Atlas of Breeding Birds of Britain and Ireland 1970,

The New Atlas of Breeding Birds in Britain and Ireland 1988-1991 and

Bird Atlas 2007-11 - The breeding and wintering birds of Britain and Ireland.

Older readers will recall the dedicated search and recording that many of us put into these. We were allocated a 10km square and then walked and observed in five randomly chosen 1km subdivisions within, following a set pattern for walking through it. Each 10km square had to be visited several times to identify and count the birds. These projects were the very essence of volunteer bird recording requiring a fair bit of travel, taking up quite a bit of time and with quite complex recording. I took part in the second two projects, covering several 10km squares around Headford with the late Deirdre Comerford and also recall doing some other East Galway ones with Michael Davis.

Of the three books I prefer the original 1970 one edited by Tim Sharrock – it is simple, concise and manageable in bookshelf fitting whereas the two later ones became somewhat overdone with data and sheer size, particularly the 2007-11 one which ended up massively cumbersome in size and weighing almost 5kgs. A major criticism I had of this atlas was the



omission of total population estimates for each species, separately for Britain and Ireland, like the two earlier atlases had. I complained at the time but got nowhere.

I have attached a file of my bird book list with this *Newsletter* as the htm file may not work.

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birdbooklist.htm

RINGED BIRDS AND THEIR RECORDING **BY TOM CUFFE**

Below are details of ringed birds taken by Tom Cuffe. Photographing and identifying the letters and numbers on bird rings, often from a long distance, takes considerable skill. The ring numbers then have to be lodged on the internet to get the original location, date and other details of the ringing. So great credit is due to Tom for his efforts. His original submission to the *Newsletter* was also accompanied by superb photographs of each bird but, unfortunately, including these is beyond my skill and indeed the scope of it. I have, however, sent Tom's original and the list of my bird books by a separate e-mail at the same time as the newsletter mailing.

Readers can open this e-mail separately and then look up **Tom's illustrated list** and also my **Bird Books list**.

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TOM CUFFE's LIST of RING RECORDS

Black-headed Gull - Hosehill Lake Gull Island, Reading, UK, 08/06/2013; sighted at Nimmo's Pier on 28/01/2023, 25/09/2022, 07/09/2019 and 22/10/2015. **2LH1**

Black-headed Gull - Elvanfoot, S. Lankarshire, Scotland, 15/06/2022; sighted at Menlo on 25/09/2022 and Waterside 26/10/2022. **2765**

Black-headed Gull - Kings Island, Lough Ree, Co. Longford, 18/06/2021; sighted at Nimmo's Pier on 28/10/2022. **T9WP**

Black-headed Gull - Skoki Duże, Kujawsko-Pomorskie, Poland, 17/06/2019; sighted at South Park, Claddagh on 14/09/2022. **N003**

Black-headed Gull - Gemika-Lumo, Bilbao, Spain, 19/12/2021; sighted at Nimmo's Pier on 25/09/2022. **NO-W(EA)**

Oystercatcher - Stokkseyri, Skipar, Iceland, 15/06/2016; sighted at Lough Altalia on 06/08/2017, 24/08/2022, 29/01/2023. **YN-W(JE)**

Black-headed Gull - Garður, Garðskagavegur, Iceland, 08/05/2020; sighted at South Park, Claddagh on 07/10/2022.

Dunlin - Ujście Wisły, Pomorskie, Poland, 09/07/2018; sighted at Claddagh Beach on 03/02/2023.

Tom Cuffe

THE UBIQUITOUS SPARROW

House Sparrows have had more than their fair share of words allotted to them in the bird literature, probably because they live out their noisy lives within our gaze. They are the most widely distributed birds on Earth, thanks to their extensive east-west Palearctic distribution, and introductions to the Americas, Africa, India, Pacific Islands and Australasia. They even inhabit oases in the Sahara. Four bird species have world population estimates of over 1 billion, and the House Sparrow tops the list. The others are Starling, Ring-billed Gull (take note, Nimmo's Pier watchers!) and Barn Swallow. [Global abundance estimates for 9,700 bird species | PNAS](#)

The House Sparrow has been in decline in England and is red-listed there. Perhaps they will be more appreciated now! The older bird books, written when there was a super-abundance of sparrows, have some choice things to say about them, usually not complimentary: "disreputable rogues", "of all birds the least attractive". Hendy, in *The lure of bird-watching* (1928), was enjoying a dawn chorus when: "Unfortunately, this awoke the house-sparrows, with their banderlog [sic] chatter, as irritating as the conversation of cads throughout a Beethoven concert." Even the BTO call them "scruffy" in overall appearance "due to the loose nature of the plumage".

As I write, 26th May 2023, House Sparrows and their first brood of fledged young are particularly plentiful in our Lawrencetown garden. Earlier, there had been no shortage of incessantly chirping males (apparently at their nest-site), but I didn't investigate where they were nesting: they were chirping from the depths of an ancient Elderberry bush, from the mass of Ivy covering an old telegraph pole, from the tall and bushy Hawthorn hedge bordering an adjacent field.

House Sparrows came to my special attention in two ways this year, and another is anticipated. **April**: I listened at close quarters to the clamorous and frenetic 'communal display' from inside a spreading bushy rose. If my brief on-line scan has not deceived me, this display typically involves several males and only one female, taking part in frenzied interactions related to breeding competition. **May/June**: We watched young birds regularly and often perching on sturdy Lupines, feeding on the aphids which were there for all to see. This sight was new to me and I watched it almost as an observation new to science, until I learned that aphids are a common seasonal source of food for House Sparrows. We suspect, and want to believe, they are making a difference. **Early autumn**: I have always been fascinated by the sight of tight, post-breeding flocks of

sparrows rising from the road to the safety of the hedge as you approach them in a car. These are gatherings of young birds at places with a good food supply. The largest number I have recorded is about sixty. All my records are from Offaly, but the Galway sparrows are probably no different.

Stephen Heery

WHOSE BIRD – BONELLI

Bonelli's Eagle *Hieraetus fasciatus* (Vieillot 1822), or *Aquila fasciata*

Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli* (Vieillot 1819)

Franco Andreo Bonelli (1784-1830) was an Italian ornithologist, entomologist and collector. In 1809 he began to teach at the University of Turin. Two years later he became the curator of the museum there and totally re-catalogued the collection according to scientific principles. During that time, he described the birds which were later to carry his name. The collection grew and became one of Europe's greatest assemblages of ornithological specimens during his lifetime. He wrote *Catalogue des Oiseaux de Piedmont* in 1811.

Taken from: Bo Beolens and Michael Watkins, *Whose Bird? Common bird names and the people they commemorate* (Yale University Press, 2015).

This may have appeared in an earlier edition of the *Newsletter* as I picked names at random over the years and it is hard to keep track of them over the years.

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Ringed bird sightings Galway City



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 Nimmo's Pier
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Title	Author	Publisher
Irish Birds	Paul Hillis	Eason & Son
Gardening for Birds	Stephen Moss	Harper Collins
Bluff your way at Bird Watching	Steven Sonsino	Revette Books
Birdwatching with your eyes closed	Simon Barnes	Short Books
Annual Reports Irish Wildbird Conservancy 70s		IWC
Birdwatching in the Seventies	Ian Wallace	McMillan
Irish Birds - several years		BirdWatch Ireland
Rockall	James Fisher	The Country Book Club
Birds Britannica	M Cocker & R Maybey	Chatto & Windus
The Birds of America	John James Audobon	American
Birds Britannica	Cocker/Mabey	Chattp & Windus
The Birds of America	John James Audobon	American Heritage Books
British Birds	Rev. F O Morris	Sprting Books
British Birds - A field guide	R S R Fitter	Collins
Birds of Galway (Three editions)	Whilde and others	Birdwatch Galway
Bird Guide (very old)	R S R Fitter	Fontana
Birds of the Uniter Arab Emirates	Colin Richardson	Hobby Publications
Bird Count	Humphrey M Dobinson	Penguin
Catto Guide - Birds British and European	Dr Walter Theide	Chatto and Windus
The Birdwatchers Year book 2003	Cromack	Buckingham Press
Shannon Airport Lagoon	Murphy and others	Clare BirdWatch
Birds in Counties Galway & Mayo 1994	R F Rutledge	Irish Wildbird Conservancy
Watching Birds	James Fisher	Pelican Books
Adventure in Woodcraft	Marcus Woodward	Museum Press London
Birds in Ireland	Clive Hutchinson	IWC & Poyser
Name this Bird	Eric Daglish	J M Dent & Sons Ltd
Guide to Birs-Watching in Europe	Ferguson Lees and others	The Bodley Head
A List of the Birds of Ireland	R F Rutledge	National Museum of Ireland
Scottish Birds	A B Lees	James Pike Ltd
Raprots of California	R D Mallette and others	State of California
Irish Superstitions & Legends of Animals and Birds	Patrich V O Sullivan	The Mercier Press
A Guide to the Birds of Ireland	Gordon D'Arcy	Irish Wildlife Publications
The Bedside Books of Birds	Graeme Gibson	Bloomsbury
Western Birds (USA)	Roger Tory Peterson	Houghton Boston
Audubon's Elephant	Duff Hart-Davis	Wiendfeld & Nicolson
Pocket Guide to Nests and Egggs	Fitter and Richardson	Collins
Spotting Birds	Jaraslov Soirhanzl & Burke	Hamlyn
Bird Walk through the Bible	V C Holmgreen	Dover Publications
British Birds - A field guide	A J Richards	David & Charles
Watching Birds	Fisher & Flegg	Pelican Boooks
Birds of a Valley	W R Philipson	Longmans Green
Bird Watching for Beginners	Bruce Campbell	Puffin Books
A Birdwatchers Miscellany	Rob Hume	Blandford Press
An Irish Sanctuary Birds of North Bull	P G Kennedy SJ	Sign of the Three Candles
The Bird of my Parish	E H Pollard	John Lane Bodley Head
Watching Birds in Ireland	Clive Hutchinson	Irish Wildbird Conservancy
Birds	Clive Hutchinson	Irish Wildbird Conservancy
Birds of San Diego	Fisher & Clarke	Lone Pine
Emirates Birds Report	Emirates Birds Committee	
Migration Paths (Birds)	R Robin Baker	Hodder & Stoughton
The Goshawk	T H White	Penguin
Bird-Watching	Ardley & Hawkes	Macdonald Guidelines
Birds Divers to Owls	Claus Konig	Collins
How to Recognise British Wildbirds (1948 my first guide)	Eric Pochin	Brockhampton Book Co
Birds - Their Latin Names Explained	A F Gotch	Blandford Press
Ireland's Garden Birds	O Sullivan & Wilson	Collins
Census Catalogue of the Flora of Ireland	Scannell & Synott	Government Publications
A Notebooks of Birds	Jim Flegg	Macmillan
A Field Guide to the Birds of the Middle East	R F Porter	Poyser
Where to Watch Birds in Europe	John Gooders	Taplinger New York
An Introduction to Southern California Birds	Herbert Clarke	Mountain Press Missual
The Shell Birdwatching Guide to the UAE	Rushardson and Aspinall	Hobby Publications
Birds of Inishbofin	Tim Gordon	Inishbofin Dev. Co.
Ducks, Geese & Swans	Oscar J Merne	Hamlyn
The Irish Beast Book	J S Fairley	Blackstaff Press
The Observers Book of British Birds (1940s from grand'f.)	S Vere Bensen	Frederick Warne
The Auubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds (East)	Bull & Farrand	Knopf
Ein	Lambert & Pearson	An Gum

Australian Birds	Slaters	Lansdowne
Birds of Britain & Europe	Peterson, Mountfort, Hollom	Collins
The New Bird Table Book	Tony Soper	Pan
Comparative Ecology of the House Sparrow	C J Heij	Kanthers BV
Ireland's Wetlands and Their Birds	Clive Hutchinson	IWC
Local Birds Orange County California		
Cliffs of Moher	Tony Whilde	Appletree Press
Birds of North Munster	Phil Brennan and others	North Munster IWC
Birding in San Diego California	McCausland	San Diego Audubon Soc.
The Dingle Peninsula	Michael O Clery	IWC West Kerry
Saltee Islands of Birds & Legends	Richard Roche & Oscar Merne	The O'Brien Press
Birds in Jeopardy	Ehrlich & others	Stanford Univ. Press Calif.
Greenland White-fronted Geese in Ireland & Brit. 1993/4	Fox, Norriss & others	NPWS
als etc	Len Howard	Fontana
Sea and Coastal Birds, Eggs and Nests	Jiri Felix	Octopus
First Guides to Common Birds in North America	R T Peterson	Houghton Mifflin
Nat. Geographic Field Guide to Birds in California	Mel Boughman	National Geographic
Collins Bird Guide	Mullarney and others	Collins
The Breeding Birds of the UAE	Simon Aspinall	Nat. Avian Centre Abu Dhabi
The Poetry of Birds	Samuel Carr	Batsford
Ireland's Lost Birds	Gordon D'Arcy	Blackstaff Press
Birds of the World in Field & Garden	Klaus Payson	Lerner Pub. Co. USA
Ireland's Lost Birds	Gordon D'Arcy	Four Court Press
An Atlas of Wader Pop. in Africa & Western Eurasia	Delaney and others	Wetlands International
A field Guide to the Birds of Armenia	Adaniabn & Klem	American Univ. of Armen
Threatened, Birds, Mammals etc in Ireland	Tony Whilde	Belfast HMSO
Seabirds Their Biology and Ecology	Bryan Nelson	Hamlyn
The New Atlas of Breeding Birds in Britain & Ireland 1988/91	Gibbons & others	Poyser
Flights of Imagination. Birds of Poetry anthology	Mike Mochler	Blandford Press
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Flights of Imagination. Birds of Poetry anthology	Colin Harrison	Collins
An Atlas of the birds of the Western Palearctic	Lyttle	Eton Books
North American Birds	Stephen Dalton	Samson Low
The Miracle of Flight		

Neil Sharkey - May 2023

BirdWatch Galway (Branch of BirdWatch Ireland) 2nd Quadrimester 2022

QUADRIMESTRAL BIRD REPORT COMPILED BY CHRIS PEPPIATT

DATE OF ISSUE: 23rd May 2024

2nd May: 2 Mediterranean Gull, Cásla (Aoife Boyd).

5th May: 100 Whimbrel, South Park, Galway city (Tom Cuffe).

7th May: 4 Corncrake, East End (Cloonamore), Middlequarter & 2 Fawnmore, Inishbofin (Fearghas Mac Lochlainn).

8th May: Marsh Harrier, Killoughter/Menlo, Lough Corrib (Darren Ellis).

9th May: Great White Egret, Glassillaun, Nr. Killary Harbour (Dermot Flaherty).

10th May: Arctic Skua, Tawin (Sean Holland).

10th May: 2 calling Corncrake, Omey Island (Carl Power).

13th May: Fem. Marsh Harrier, Barranny, Lough Corrib (Marcus Hogan).

14th May: Spotted Flycatcher, Ballynahinch Castle (Dermot Breen).

17th May: 2 Corncrake, Inishbofin (Manus Curran).

20th May: 8 Manx Shearwater, Blackrock, Salthill, Galway city (Steve Walton).

21st May: 2 Corncrake, Inishbofin (John Smyth).

3rd June: Common Scoter, Curramore, Lough Corrib (Neil Sharkey).

4th June: Turtle Dove, Letterfrack (Dermot Breen).

4th June: Red-necked Phalarope, c. 1 km North-west of Slyne Head (John Brittain).

12th June: 7 Corncrake, Westquarter, 2 Fawnmore, Middlequarter, 2 Knock & East End, Inishbofin (Fearghas Mac Lochlainn).

12th June: 2 Common Sandpiper, Loch Bó Finne, Inishbofin (Fearghas Mac Lochlainn).

13th June: Long-eared Owl, Clydagh, Nr. Headford (Eamonn Delaney).

14th June: Spotted Flycatcher, Dangan, Galway city (Michael Davis).

20th June: Fem. Red-necked Phalarope, Roundstone Bog (Dermot Breen).

20th June: 4 Juv. Quail, Kilconnell (Fintan Damer).

22nd June: Black-winged Stilt, Muckrush, Lough Corrib (Aonghus O'Donail). (1)

23rd June: Fem. Red-necked Phalarope, Muckrush, Lough Corrib (Mike Sylvia). (2)

28th June: 1st Sum. Hobby, Lough Kinlea (Ruairí Goodwin). (3)

3rd July: Fea's type Petrel, off Slyne Head (John Brittain).

3rd July: 2 Yellowhammer, Coldwood, Craughwell (Dermot Breen).

9th July: Ad. Forster's Tern & 2 (Ad. & 2nd Sum.) Mediterranean Gull, Inishroo, Corranroo Bay (Paul Troake). (4)

10th July: Ad. Mediterranean Gull, Tawin (Sean Holland).

11th July: Red Kite, M6 near Cappataggle (John Curley).

11th July: Ad. Little Gull, Muckrush, Lough Corrib (Paul Troake).

12th July: White-tailed Eagle, Glenlo, Lough Corrib (Marcus Hogan).

12th July: Kingfisher, Ower Bridge (Neil Sharkey).

15th July: Sooty Shearwater & Common Scoter, Bunowen, Mannin (Dermot Breen).

18th July: 2nd Yr. Little Gull, Muckrush, Lough Corrib (Dermot Breen).

18th July: Elegant Tern, Inishroo/Gull Island, Corranroo Bay (Sean Holland). (5)

19th July: Peregrine, Carragh Hill, Knocknacarra, Galway city (Michael Davis).

19th July: Ad. Rose-coloured Starling, Kiloughter, Nr. Angliham, Lough Corrib (Marcus Hogan).

19th July: Yellowhammer, Caherateemore/Cartymore North (Eamonn Delaney).

22nd July: Kingfisher, Rusheen Bay, Galway city (Jacob Mead).

25th July: Green Sandpiper, Lough Coy (Ray Glynn).

26th July: 2 Common Sandpiper, Lough Atalia, Galway city (Tom Cuffe).

3rd August: Male Hen Harrier, Knockranny, Lough Corrib (Paul Troake).

4th August: Dipper, River Corrib, Galway city (Niall Keogh).

4th August: Juv. Mediterranean Gull, Long Walk, Galway city (Niall Keogh).

6th August: Ad. Rose-coloured Starling, Lettergesh (Vivienne Cummings). (6)
11th August: 2 Wood Sandpiper & White-tailed Eagle, Muckrush, Lough Corrib (Aonghus O'Donaill).
13th August: 4 Green Sandpiper & Marsh Harrier, Caranavoodaun (Dermot Breen).
14th August: Red Kite, Craughwell (Michael Bell & Molly Bell).
17th August: Wilson's Petrel, 120+ Storm Petrel, 1,200+ Manx Shearwater, 4 Sooty Shearwater, 7 Arctic Tern & 2 Puffin, 11 km South-west of Inishmore (Mike Sylvia, Niall Keogh, Dermot Breen, Aonghus O'Donaill, Hugh Delaney & Gerard Walshe).
19th August: 4 Sooty Shearwater, Bunowen, Mannin (Dermot Breen).
20th August: 22 Sooty Shearwater, Bunowen, Mannin (Dermot Breen).
21st August: Hen Harrier & White-tailed Eagle, Muckrush, Lough Corrib (Dermot Breen).
25th August: Green Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper, Juv. Ruff & 41 Black-tailed Godwit, Caranavoodaun turlough (Paul Troake).
25th August: Green Sandpiper, Lydacan turlough (Paul Troake).
25th August: 2 Garganey, Caherglassaun turlough (Paul Troake).
28th August: 7-8 Grey Phalarope, North-west of Slyne Head (John Brittain & Sue Brittain).
28th August: Whimbrel & 50 Black-tailed Godwit, Caranavoodaun turlough (Chris Peppiatt).
29th August: Ad. Sabine's Gull & 2 Grey Phalarope, North of Slyne Head (John Brittain & Sue Brittain).
31st August: Garganey, Ruff, 11 Dunlin, Ringed Plover, 8 Black-tailed Godwit & 2 ringtail Hen Harrier, Muckrush, Lough Corrib (Aonghus O'Donaill & Paul Troake).

NOTES:

- (1) The Black-winged Stilt was present at Muckrush during the five-day period from the 22nd to the 26th of June 2022, it is natural to wonder if this was the same bird that was present at the same site on the 26th of July 2021.
- (2) The female Red-necked Phalarope was also seen at Muckrush on the 25th of June 2022.
- (3) The Hobby was seen at Lough Kinlea from the 28th to the 30th of June and on the 2nd and 3rd of July 2022.
- (4) The long-staying Forster's Tern was also seen at Inishroo on the 23rd and 27th of July 2022; it shared the site with the Elegant Tern on the last of these dates.
- (5) The Elegant Tern was present at Inishroo on the 18th & 19th, the 21st and 22nd, and the 26th and 27th of July 2022 at least.
- (6) The Rose-coloured Starling was present at Lettergesh during the three-day period from the 6th to the 8th of August 2022.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Hobby, Red Kite, 2 Wood Sandpiper, 3 Red-necked Phalarope, 9-10 Grey Phalarope, Black-winged Stilt, 3 Garganey, Turtle Dove, 2 Rose-coloured Starling, Wilson's Petrel, Fea's type Petrel, 4 Quail, Sabine's Gull and Elegant Tern. Long-staying Forster's Tern and Great White Egret.

ARRIVING SPRING MIGRANTS:

Spotted Flycatcher (14th May), Quail (20th June) & Hobby (28th June).

OTHER BEASTIES:

17th August: 3 Minke Whale, 11 km South-west of Inishmore (Mike Sylvia, Niall Keogh, Dermot Breen, Aonghus O'Donaill, Hugh Delaney & Gerard Walshe).