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**THOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR**

BirdWatch Ireland and R.S.P.B. produced a document entitled 'Birds of Conservation Concern in Ireland' in 1999. This document, often known as BoCCI, pigeonholed Ireland's birds into three categories based on a traffic light system. The red list contained species of high conservation concern, the amber list contained species of medium conservation concern and the green list contained all of the rest of the species that were not considered threatened. Species were placed in the red list if they were the subject of global conservation concern, historically declining, or (perhaps most importantly for us) their Irish population or range has declined by more than 50% in the last 25 years. There were 18 species on the red list, including Chough, Red Grouse, Ring Ouzel, Corncrake, Curlew, Lapwing, Corn Bunting (now considered extinct as an Irish breeding species), Barn Owl, Twite, Yellowhammer etc. A further 77 species were placed in the amber list, one of whose criteria was a breeding population decline of between 25% and 50% in the last 25 years.

At a recent conference it was announced that a second version of the lists, BoCCI 2, is about to be published. We must wait for the full version, but it was mentioned, shockingly, that Redshank, Herring Gull and Black-headed Gull will be on the new red list. On a more cheering note, Hen Harrier, Roseate Tern and Chough will be 'relegated' to the amber list. This amber list will increase in size to 94 species, including some whose wintering populations have declined (e.g. Knot and Curlew). The data for this type of assessment, which will be used to help inform national and all-Ireland conservation policy, is gathered from a variety of sources. These include I-WeBS, the Countryside Bird Survey and the newly launched 2007-2011 bird atlas project. Therefore, I make no apology for repeating myself and urging members to get involved in these activities, which really do serve a useful purpose as well as being enjoyable to take part in. **Chris Peppiatt**

**BIRD ATLAS 2007-11**

Thursday 1st November saw the start of the biggest ever bird survey to hit Ireland. BirdWatch Ireland is mobilising its 14,000 members to undertake a stock-take of Ireland's birds – the first such operation for nearly twenty years. The aim is to understand how recent changes to our climate and habitats are affecting Ireland's birds, and we need you to submit your bird records at [www.birdatlas.net](http://www.birdatlas.net).

Bird Atlas 2007-11 is a four-year project to check on the numbers and distributions of the birds of Ireland, as well as those of Britain. It is a joint project of BirdWatch Ireland, the British Trust for Ornithology and the Scottish Ornithologists' Club, and the aim is to survey over 250 species of bird. The results will set the agenda for bird conservation over the next two decades, helping to answer questions such as:

- How well are our Robins, Blue Tits and other familiar garden birds faring?
- Is Corncrake conservation working?
- Are birds spreading further north as a result of climate change?
- Have any breeding species become extinct since the last atlas, either regionally or nationally?
- How widespread are Buzzards and Little Egrets now as breeding species?
- How are birds doing at Ireland's internationally important wetlands and seabird colonies?

- Have the serious and worrying declines in populations of traditional and once-familiar farmland species such as Skylark, Yellowhammer and Lapwing continued?

As BirdWatch Ireland chairman Kieran Grace stresses: "Bird numbers provide a barometer of how the natural world is coping with pressures from climate and habitat changes. Bird Atlas 2007-11 will deliver vital evidence for conservation practitioners."

On 1st November, and for the next four years, birdwatchers will be taking to the hills, tramping around fields, strolling through woodland or simply reporting on the birds that visit their gardens. They will record, count and seek out as many species as they can, to see just how much has changed since the last Winter Atlas (1981-84). Next summer they will search out breeding species, comparing their observations to those recorded in the last Breeding Atlas (1988-91). BirdWatch Ireland is keen to involve as many birdwatchers as possible, whatever their levels of knowledge and experience.

IK am the co-ordinator for BirdWatch Ireland's Atlas Coordinator, "The aim is to cover every ten-kilometer square in Ireland, and the BTO and SOC will be organising the same sort of survey in Britain. A project like this relies heavily on records submitted by the general public, and I would urge anyone with even a passing interest in birds and the natural world to send us reports of the birds they see, be they common or rare. There is a real sense of concern about how birds are coping with changes to our climate and their habitats."

Birdwatchers of all levels of experience and ability can get involved in Bird Atlas 2007-11 in one way or another and we need your help to get Co. Galway covered. There are three levels of participation:

- Are you taking a walk or going birdwatching any time, anywhere? Your records can help to fill in the squares on the Atlas maps. For example, have you seen a hovering Kestrel over the N6, the blue flash of a Kingfisher on the Corrib or a Barn Owl flying over the meadows of the Shannon Callows at dusk? If so, tell us about it.
- Do you know your birds well? We are also looking for keen birdwatchers who will visit 2km by 2km Galway tetrads to identify and count all of the birds they see.
- A huge proportion of Ireland's birds are found in gardens. Simply letting us know what types of bird you see in your own garden in Co. Galway will be of enormous help.

Please, don't keep the birds you see to yourself – let us know about them. Simply log on to [www.birdatlas.net](http://www.birdatlas.net) and follow the instructions. Every record counts – even yours!

**Brian Caffrey**

**National Co-ordinator of the New Bird Atlas 2007-2011**

**NIMMO'S PIER 'FIRST SATURDAY' OUTINGS**

On the first Saturday of each month from Oct to Apr/May the branch hosts a short walk at Nimmo's Pier at 10.30 a.m. lasting a little over an hour. It is a great introduction to sea and shore birds for those new to bird watching, and just about anything can turn up – which attracts the more experienced. The walks are occasionally advertised in the local press and everyone, member of BirdWatch or otherwise, is welcome to come along.

Tim Griffin started similar walks with the then North Munster branch in the 1970's where they visited Tim's favourite patch – the settling ponds at the now defunct Thurlus Sugar factory. These ponds were a stopover spot for migrating birds, including seabirds and waders! The walks became very popular.

When Tim came to Galway he brought the idea with him – and it didn't take him long to focus on Nimmo's Pier as an ideal place to implement it. The walks are now in their 14<sup>th</sup> year, with Tim leading just about all of them and organizing a deputy when he's unavailable.

I've been taking part in the walks since I joined the branch, incidentally at an information day held at Nimmo's Pier. In the last couple of years I've been listing the species identified during the walks. The numbers have been surprising – the first time I did it, I told Tim we'd identified 27 species, he said if he'd been asked he'd have guessed about 15! Initially the lists were purely for myself. When people noticed me writing, they started to make sure I was well informed of what had been identified.

For the last two series of walks, 2005/6 and 2006/7, I've summarized the lists for the days I was there – I missed three walks in each series. Forty-seven species were identified in each series with an overall total of fifty-three for the two series.

Some notable species were a Forster's tern and a Black redstart, gulls such as Glaucous, Iceland, Mediterranean, Ring-billed and Little – though some of these are so regular that they are barely noticed! Over the years, I've seen Ross's gull, Leaches petrel, Great skua, Sanderling, among others on these walks.

On a personal note, I've noticed a huge collapse in House sparrow numbers – while they were once always under your feet at the slipway, one individual was all that was reported on the walks in question!

**Brendan Dunne**

**Birds identified on 'Saturday Walks' during 2005/06 & 2006/07 (Listed as in Collins)**

- Red-throated diver
- Great northern diver
- Great crested grebe
- Cormorant
- Shag
- Grey heron
- Mute swan
- Shelduck
- Mallard
- Wigeon
- Scaup
- Red-breasted merganser
- Oystercatcher
- Ringed plover
- Lapwing
- Turnstone
- Dunlin
- Redshank



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- Greenshank
- Bar-tailed godwit
- Curlew
- Whimbrel
- Black-headed gull
- Common gull
- Mediterranean gull
- Herring gull
- Ring-billed gull
- Lesser black-backed gull
- Great black-backed gull
- Little gull
- Glaucous gull
- Iceland gull
- Sandwich tern
- Common tern
- Arctic tern
- Forster's tern
- Guillemot
- Razorbill
- Feral pigeon
- Skylark
- Swallow
- Rock pipit
- Meadow pipit
- Pied wagtail
- Grey wagtail
- Black redstart
- Jackdaw
- Rook
- Grey crow
- Starling
- House sparrow
- Linnet
- Greenfinch

**Note:** Brendan has been one of the great supporters of our Saturday outings and his unfailing presence at them is much appreciated by those who attend regularly.

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**FEEDING BIRDS**

It's the time of the year to redouble our bird feeding efforts. The BWI survey starts on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Getting seeds and peanuts into feeders can be messy. A solution is to cut off the top of a 5lt. Plastic water container about a quarter way down. Use a hacksaw or other fine bladed saw. This makes a very handy funnel to get the seeds and peanuts in without any spilling. Do take part in the winter survey – it gives added enjoyment and interest to observing your garden birds and helps BWI in assessing our bird numbers.

**BIRDS IN POETRY**

Michael Longley's familiarity with and love for the Mayo countryside and Carrigskeewaun in particular shines out from many of his poems. Thus, the wry comment in the first line of *The Wren*, a new poem which provides a fitting coda for the *Collected Poems*, published in 2006. Given the lyrical beauty and acute observation of landscape and nature in the Carrigskeewaun poems one lives in hope that he will never compose a poem with the title 'Goodbye to Carrigskeewaun'.

Pat Finnegan

**THE WREN**

I am writing too much about Carrigskeewaun, I think, until you two come along, my grandsons, And we generalise at once about cows and sheep. A day here represents a life-time, bird's-foot trefoil Among wild thyme, dawn and dusk muddled on the ground,  
The crescent moon fading above Mweelrea's shoulder As hares sip brackish water at the stepping stones And the innovative raven flips upside down As though for you.

I burble under your siesta Like a contrapuntal runnel, and the heather Stand that shelters the lesser twayblade shelters you. We sleepwalk around a townland whooper swans From tundra remember, and the Saharan Wheatear. I want you both to remember me And what the wind-tousled wren has been saying All day long from fence posts and fuchsia depths, A brain-rattling bramble-song inside a knothole.

Michael Longley

From *Collected Poems*, published by Jonathan Cape, 2006.

**A BIRD IN THE HAND**

Twitching, ticking, counting, digi-scoping, photographing, feeding, drawing, audio-recording, reading bird-books... In how many different ways can we appreciate feathered wildlife? There is yet another way, perhaps the most sophisticated, certainly most addictive, meaningful and literally hands-on. It's ringing.

A typical ringing session? There are endless ways of spending one. There is no one common scenario. I'll give you two examples from my very limited trainee experience.

Crispy March morning, about 4am. My alarm clock goes frantic. Those alarm clocks nowadays, no respect for peace. I get up and tripping over my own feet try to put on my clothing in a correct sequence. Ten minutes later I'm driving out of the city. I'm meeting my ringing trainer, Chris Benson half way to Westport and getting a lift with him. When we arrive in Wendy's garden, the day is just about to burst out. Birds are already excited, so is Jazz, Wendy's ever-hyper lab. I'm helping Chris to set up the nets, soon we're inside sipping coffee, waiting for first arrivals. Bird traffic in Wendy's garden can be compared to Tuam Road at 8:50am. But it's more efficient. Chaffinches rule the land, but on the few occasions I've been there, we ringed great numbers of Blue, Great and Coal Tits, House Sparrows, Starlings, Rooks, Jackdaws, Willow Warblers, Greenfinches, Goldfinches, Siskins, Dunnocks, Song Thrushes, Wrens and Goldcrests. Needless to say it's only a fraction of what they've had there in nets before. Including a Sparrowhawk and a dog.

Soon we're busy "extracting" birds out of the nets, and then "processing" them, (ringing, taking biometric measurements and deciding on species, sex and age). Wendy is looking after us too well. Not only is she putting up with those scruffy ringers, but also feeding them with wholesome breakfast, refilling the pot with beautiful coffee and keeping them joyful and terribly funny company. Birds are handled carefully, and trainees are supervised and supported by Chris at all times. No matter how gentle you are with Tits, they always complain using beak and claws as means of persuasion. Fierce little jobbies they are. Chaffinches on the other hand seem perfectly comfortable

as long as you are swift, confident and delicate, as you should be. Some birds tend to fly straight back into the net, they don't seem bothered at all. But try even touching a Starling, the whole county will know about it. Instantly. Ear plugs might come handy.

Serious yawning starts at about 2pm and by 3pm we are rolling the nets down. Each visit in Wendy's is an amazing lesson of plumage, moulting, sexing, identification and behaviour. However, it's also fun, pleasure and valuable contribution to bird conservation.

Other ringing experience. A calm, cloudy summer night. Mullet Peninsula, Annagh Head. A group of ringers is ready for the arrival of hundreds of petrels (mostly Storm Petrels, but some Leach's too). Declan Manly, a ringing trainer from Offaly has let me join the team for this mysterious moonless night. Lure tapes are repeating the calls of seabirds like hypnosis and soon even I can hardly resist walking right into the net. "Stormies" are very placid and gentle birds. They are covered with musky, fishy oil. On our first meeting Declan said to me, "In winter I take those nets out, and I can still smell this lovely stormie oil on them". I nodded politely, but you can only imagine what was going through my head. Fishy bird oil cannot possibly be described as lovely! Soon, I understood how this seemingly smelly experience can be so precious. All night, under endless dark sky, caressed by sea-wind and surrounded by atmosphere of Witch Sabbath, in company of focused and passionate people, we were marking whole boxes of those graceful seabirds. Oh, how I wish I could get a sniff of that stormie oil now...

If you are interested in volunteering for BTO as a bird ringer, check out [www.bto.org/ringing](http://www.bto.org/ringing) for more information. Chris Benson is a ringing trainer for our area and we are very lucky to have his expertise, impressive knowledge and patience available to us, as well as a very high standard of training.

Alex Borowoska

**FORTHCOMING PROGRAMME**

- Weekend 30 November –2 December, outing to Sligo. To book a place contact Marianne at [mariannetencate@gmail.com](mailto:mariannetencate@gmail.com) or 091-552519.
- Saturday 1 December, short outing at Nimmo's Pier with Tim Griffin *et al.*, 10.30am.
- Friday 7 December, Annual Christmas get-together for Branch members with slide show and Christmas Raffle. Anno Santo Hotel, 8pm.
- Wednesday 12 December, monthly members meeting, Anno Santo Hotel, 8pm. Details of New Year's outing will be decided.
- Saturday 5 January 2008, short outing at Nimmo's Pier with Tim Griffin *et al.*, 10.30am.
- Wednesday 16 January, monthly members meeting, Anno Santo Hotel, 8pm.
- Saturday 12 January, Galway Bay Count. Contact Chris Peppiatt for details.
- Friday 25 January, *The social life of choughs in Connemara*, an illustrated talk by Mike Trewby, Anno Santo Hotel, 8pm.
- Saturday 2 February, short outing at Nimmo's Pier with Tim Griffin *et al.*, 10.30am.

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Arctic Skua	Silver Strand, Galway City		4 01.07.07	TG
Marsh Harrier	Angliham, Lough Corrib		F 01.07.07	TG (1)
Whooper Swan	Angliham, Lough Corrib		1 01.07.07	TG
Glaucous Gull	Nimmo's Pier, Galway City		A 01.07.07	TG (2)
Whimbrel	Kilcaimin		12 01.07.07	TG
Storm Petrel	Silver Strand, Galway City		12 01.07.07	TG
Storm Petrel	Rinmore Point, near Docks, Galway City		2 02.07.07	PT
Manx Shearwater	Rinmore Point, near Docks, Galway City		40 02.07.07	PT
Arctic Skua	Rinmore Point, near Docks, Galway City		7 02.07.07	PT
Storm Petrel	Silver Strand, Galway City		4 02.07.07	TG
Arctic Skua	Silver Strand, Galway City		5 02.07.07	TG
Storm Petrel	Salthill, Galway City		7 03.07.07	PT
Manx Shearwater	Salthill, Galway City		20 03.07.07	PT
Arctic Skua	Salthill, Galway City		2 03.07.07	PT
Red-throated Diver	Salthill, Galway City		1 03.07.07	PT
Storm Petrel	Silver Strand, Galway City		36 03.07.07	TG
Manx Shearwater	Silver Strand, Galway City		350+ 03.07.07	TG
Short-eared Owl	Inishbofin		1 04.07.07	SB (3)
Storm Petrel	Mutton Island, Galway City		5 04.07.07	MD
Storm Petrel	Silver Strand, Galway City		26 04.07.07	TG
Corncrake	Ormeau Island		1 05.07.09	TG
Storm Petrel	Silver Strand, Galway City		16 05.07.07	TG
Arctic Skua	Silver Strand, Galway City		2 05.07.07	TG
Storm Petrel	Salthill, Galway City		80+ 06.07.07	TG
Long-eared Owl	Kiltulla, Atheny		family 07.07.07	BC
Arctic Skua	Silver Strand, Galway City		2 10.07.07	TG
Common Scoter	Silver Strand, Galway City		13 13.07.07	TG
Peregrine	Ower, Nr. Headford		2 15.07.07	NS
Merlin	Ellagh, Headford		1 15.07.07	NS
Storm Petrel	Silver Strand, Galway City		7 16.07.07	TG
Grey Plover	Silver Strand, Galway City		1 16.07.07	TG
Hen Harrier	Between Clare and Cregg rivers		F/Imm. 17.07.07	JK
Mediterranean Gull	Long Walk, Galway City		1stS 17.07.07	MD
Storm Petrel	Silver Strand, Galway City		8 17.07.07	TG
Arctic Skua	Silver Strand, Galway City		3 17.07.07	TG
Little Egret	Kilcaimin		6 18.07.07	TG
Wigeon	Kilcaimin		M 19.07.07	TG
Mediterranean Gull	Nimmo's Pier, Galway City		1st yr. 19.07.07	TG
Sanderling	Silver Strand, Galway City		4 21.07.07	TC
Little Egret	Treanlaur Bay, Maree, Oranmore		2 21.07.07	JC
Common Scoter	Nimmo's Pier, Galway City		M 22.07.07	TG
Knot	Silver Strand, Galway City		12 22.07.07	TG
Corncrake	Baile na hAbhainn		1 23.07.07	TT
Arctic Skua	Silver Strand, Galway City		7 24.07.07	TG
Mediterranean Gull	Ballyloughane, Galway City		2A 24.07.07	MD
Little Tern	Silver Strand, Galway City		5 29.07.07	TG
Merlin	Baile na hAbhainn bay		1 30.07.07	TG (4)
Great Northern Diver	Baile na hAbhainn		2 30.07.07	TG
Storm Petrel	Baile na hAbhainn		5 31.07.07	TG
Arctic Skua	Silver Strand, Galway City		11 01.08.07	TG
Storm Petrel	Silver Strand, Galway City		8 02.08.07	TG
Arctic Skua	Rusheen Bay, Galway City		2 02.08.07	TG
Little Egret	Oranmore		1 03.08.07	JC
Ring-billed Gull	Nimmo's Pier, Galway City		1 04.08.07	TC & MD (5)
Manx Shearwater	Galway Bay		1,000+ 04.08.07	GW
Storm Petrel	Spiddal		5 04.08.07	GW
Whimbrel	Barna		1 04.08.07	TT
Peregrine	Loughrea		1 05.08.07	PC
Hen Harrier	Between Clare and Cregg rivers		F/Imm. 05.08.07	JK
Little Egret	Mutton Island, Galway City		1 05.08.07	MD
Whimbrel	Barna		1 05.08.07	TT
Arctic Skua	Barna		2 05.08.07	TT
Sanderling	Rusheen Bay, Galway City		2 05.08.07	TG
Arctic Skua	Silver Strand, Galway City		12 06.08.07	TG
Mediterranean Gull	Long Walk, Galway City		Juv. 06.08.07	MD
Common Sandpiper	Barna		1 06.08.07	TT
Little Egret	Mutton Island, Galway City		1 09.08.07	MD
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Long Walk, Galway City		intermedius race 09.08.07	MD
Mediterranean Gull	Rusheen Bay, Galway City		A 12.08.07	MD
Mediterranean Gull	Gratton Road, Salthill, Galway City		A 13.08.07	MD
Black-headed Gull	Ballyloughane, Galway City		leucistic 17.08.07	TG
Mediterranean Gull	Ballyloughane, Galway City		A 17.08.07	TG
Ring-billed Gull	Nimmo's Pier, Galway City		A 18.08.07	MD (6)
Greylag Goose	Coole Lough		1 19.08.07	TC (7)
Whooper Swan	Coole Lough		2 19.08.07	TC
Mediterranean Gull	Nimmo's Pier, Galway City		Juv. 24.08.07	MD
Little Egret	Baile an tSleibhe, Nr. Rossaveal		1 25.08.07	CB

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Spotted Redshank	Kilcaimin		1 25.08.07	TG
Little Gull	Menlo		7 25.08.07	TG
Ruddy Shelduck	Nimmo's Pier, Galway City		Feral bird 25.08.09	DMacN
Peregrine	Rahasane Turlough		1 26.08.07	PC
Common Sandpiper	Rahasane Turlough		2 26.08.07	PC
Golden Plover	Rahasane Turlough	200	26.08.07	PC
Wigeon	Rahasane Turlough		4 26.08.07	PC
Ring-billed Gull	Nimmo's Pier, Galway City		A 27.08.07	GW
Common Scoter	Silver Strand, Galway City		6 28.08.07	TG
Crossbill	Maam Cross		3 30.08.07	TG
Crossbill	Cloosh Wood		10 31.08.07	TG
(American Race) Black Tern	Rahasane Turlough		1 02.09.07	MD (8)
Mediterranean Gull	Rahasane Turlough		1stW 02.09.07	MD
Pectoral Sandpiper	Rahasane Turlough		2 05.09.07	MD
Spotted Redshank	Rahasane Turlough		1 05.09.07	MD
Little Gull	Waterside, Galway City		1stW 06.09.07	MD
Ruff	Rahasane Turlough		2 Juv. 08.09.07	MD & AO'D
Mediterranean Gull	Rahasane Turlough		1 08.09.07	PC
Whimbrel	Rahasane Turlough		1 08.09.07	PC
Bar-tailed Godwit	Rahasane Turlough		3 08.09.07	PC
Black-tailed Godwit	Rahasane Turlough	188	08.09.07	PC
Spotted Redshank	Kilcaimin		1 08.09.07	TG
Ruff	Rahasane Turlough		1 09.09.07	CP
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Mweenish Island, Nr. Tawin		1 09.09.07	PT
Red-necked Grebe	Mweenish Island, Nr. Tawin		1 09.09.07	PT (9)
Peregrine	Claregalway		Juv. 09.09.07	JG
Storm Petrel	Inveran		1 10.09.07	TG
Mediterranean Gull	Rusheen Bay, Galway City		1stW 11.09.07	TG
Common Scoter	Silver Strand, Galway City		14 12.09.07	TG
Brent Goose	Cave		41 13.09.07	MB
Crossbill	Cloosh Wood		4 13.09.07	TG
Ruff	Rahasane Turlough		2 18.09.07	PT & TG
Pintail	Rahasane Turlough		4 18.09.07	PT
Arctic Skua	Inveran		6 19.09.07	AO'D
Arctic Skua	Inveran		9 20.09.07	AO'D
Leach's Petrel	Silver Strand, Galway City		1 20.09.07	TG
Hen Harrier	Curraghline, Lough Corrib		3F/Imm. 21.09.07	AO'D
Glaucous Gull	Mutton Island, Galway City		A 22.09.07	PT
Mediterranean Gull	South Park, Galway City		2(A&2ndW) 23.09.07	TG
Arctic Skua	Inveran		7 24.09.07	AO'D
Long-tailed Skua	Silver Strand, Galway City		1 24.09.07	TG
Arctic Skua	Silver Strand, Galway City		3 24.09.07	TG
Hen Harrier	Angliham, Lough Corrib		Juv. F 28.09.07	EMcG & AO'D (10)
Whooper Swan	Clarinbridge		1 28.09.07	PT
Barnacle Goose	Clarinbridge		1 28.09.07	PT
Little Stint	Rusheen Bay, Galway City		1 28.09.07	TG
Marsh Harrier	Curraghline, Lough Corrib		AF & Juv. 29.09.07	AO'D (11)
Hen Harrier	Curraghline, Lough Corrib		4(AF, AM & 2 F/Imm.) 29.09.07	AO'D
Ruff	Rusheen Bay, Galway City		2 29.09.07	PT
Kingfisher	Rusheen Bay, Galway City		1 30.09.07	AO'D
Long-billed Dowitcher	Rusheen Bay, Galway City		1 30.09.07	TC
Hen Harrier	Between Clare and Cregg rivers		F/Imm. 30.09.07	JK
Wheatear	Mutton Island causeway, Galway City		Greenland race 30.09.07	TG
Little Egret	Kilcaimin		6 30.09.07	TG
Little Egret	Traught		9 30.09.07	TG
<b>OTHER BEASTIES</b>				
Sunfish	Silver Strand, Galway City		1 27.08.07	TG
<b>ABBREVIATIONS</b>				
Imm. = Immature; A = Adult; S = Summer; W = Winter; M = male; F = female;				
Hyb. = Hybrid				
<b>NOTES</b>				
1 = A female was present in this area during the preceding quarter and until the end of this one.				
2 = This bird was still present 30.09.07.				
3 = One found injured and taken into care (later died).				
4 = Chasing a Storm Petrel over the bay.				
5 = This individual has been visiting the area since September 2003.				
6 = This individual was first seen here on 11th August 2006.				
7 = Possibly the same bird was seen on 10.09.07.				
8 = This bird was present until 05.09.07.				
9 = This bird was again present on 18.09.07.				
10 = This wing-tagged bird was fledged in the Ballyhours in summer 2007.				
11 = An immature male was present in the area on 03.06.07.				
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