

## CHECKLIST OF BIRDS OF THE LONDON AREA AND GUIDE TO CONTRIBUTORS OF RECORDS

The total number of species recorded in an apparently wild state in the London Area in historic times is now 369, with the addition of Snow Goose, Black Grouse, and Black Guillemot and the removal of American Wigeon. Of these, the 13 species marked with an \* in the checklist were recorded at least once prior to 1900 but have not been recorded in an apparently wild state since.

All records of ornithological interest, from LNHS members and non-members alike, are welcomed by the Society's Ornithological Records Committee. However, with an ever-growing number of active birdwatchers in the London Area, it seems sensible to issue a guide to our requirements.

This guide is not intended to be comprehensive, and contributors are asked to use their own guidance and common sense, but it does serve as a reference point for the type of records required. For example, with many common breeding species, comparative yearly breeding counts are especially welcomed. The Records Committee reserves the right to request full details for any record, eg, out-of-season migrants. This guide does not apply to Inner London, where all records are required, but similar criteria regarding descriptions should be followed.

### Key:

- A = all records.
- B = all breeding records.
- BBRC = full description required; form available from Recorders.  
*British Birds* Rarities Committee makes the decision.
- D = full description required; form available from Recorders.
- F&L = first and last dates for any site.
- MM = dated monthly maximum counts.
- N = brief notes required (how identified, view, distance, etc); form available from Recorders.
- NR = all records from sites where bird not seen regularly.
- P = passage movements.
- S = all records between mid-May and mid-July.
- ST = annual statement of status at a site.
- T = all territory counts.
- W = records outside breeding season.

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| Mute Swan           | <i>Cygnus olor</i>          | MM, NR, B, ST                |
| Bewick's Swan       | <i>Cygnus columbianus</i>   | A, N                         |
| Whooper Swan        | <i>Cygnus cygnus</i>        | A, N                         |
| Bean Goose          | <i>Anser fabalis</i>        | A, D                         |
| Pink-footed Goose   | <i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i> | A, D                         |
| White-fronted Goose | <i>Anser albifrons</i>      | A                            |
| Greylag Goose       | <i>Anser anser</i>          | MM, NR, B, ST                |
| Snow Goose          | <i>Anser caerulescens</i>   | A, D (unless obvious escape) |
| Red-breasted Goose* | <i>Branta ruficollis</i>    | BBRC                         |

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| Brent Goose            | <i>Branta bernicla</i>        | A                         |
| Barnacle Goose         | <i>Branta leucopsis</i>       | A, N                      |
| Canada Goose           | <i>Branta canadensis</i>      | MM, B, ST                 |
| Egyptian Goose         | <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>   | A                         |
| Shelduck               | <i>Tadorna tadorna</i>        | MM, NR, B, S              |
| Mandarin Duck          | <i>Aix galericulata</i>       | A                         |
| Eurasian Wigeon        | <i>Anas penelope</i>          | A                         |
| Gadwall                | <i>Anas strepera</i>          | MM, NR, S, B              |
| Eurasian Teal          | <i>Anas crecca</i>            | MM, NR, S, B              |
| Green-winged Teal      | <i>Anas carolinensis</i>      | A, D                      |
| Mallard                | <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>     | MM, B, ST                 |
| Northern Pintail       | <i>Anas acuta</i>             | A                         |
| Garganey               | <i>Anas querquedula</i>       | A                         |
| Blue-winged Teal       | <i>Anas discors</i>           | BBRC                      |
| Northern Shoveler      | <i>Anas clypeata</i>          | MM, NR, S, B              |
| Red-crested Pochard    | <i>Netta rufina</i>           | A                         |
| Common Pochard         | <i>Aythya farina</i>          | MM, NR, B, ST             |
| Ring-necked Duck       | <i>Aythya collaris</i>        | A, D                      |
| Ferruginous Duck       | <i>Aythya nyroca</i>          | A, D                      |
| Tufted Duck            | <i>Aythya fuligula</i>        | MM, NR, B, ST             |
| Greater Scaup          | <i>Aythya marila</i>          | A                         |
| Lesser Scaup           | <i>Aythya affinis</i>         | BBRC until 2015, when A,D |
| Common Eider           | <i>Somateria mollissima</i>   | A, N                      |
| King Eider             | <i>Somateria spectabilis</i>  | BBRC                      |
| Long-tailed Duck       | <i>Clangula hyemalis</i>      | A, N                      |
| Common Scoter          | <i>Melanitta nigra</i>        | A                         |
| Velvet Scoter          | <i>Melanitta fusca</i>        | A, D                      |
| Common Goldeneye       | <i>Bucephala clangula</i>     | A                         |
| Smew                   | <i>Mergellus albellus</i>     | A                         |
| Red-breasted Merganser | <i>Mergus serrator</i>        | A                         |
| Goosander              | <i>Mergus merganser</i>       | A                         |
| Ruddy Duck             | <i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>     | A, B, ST                  |
| Black Grouse*          | <i>Tetrao tetrix</i>          | A, D                      |
| Red-legged Partridge   | <i>Alectoris rufa</i>         | A                         |
| Grey Partridge         | <i>Perdix perdix</i>          | A                         |
| Common Quail           | <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>      | A                         |
| Pheasant               | <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>    | MM, NR, B, ST             |
| Red-throated Diver     | <i>Gavia stellata</i>         | A, N                      |
| Black-throated Diver   | <i>Gavia arctica</i>          | A, N                      |
| Great Northern Diver   | <i>Gavia immer</i>            | A                         |
| Pied-billed Grebe      | <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>    | BBRC                      |
| Little Grebe           | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> | MM, NR, B, ST             |
| Great Crested Grebe    | <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>     | MM, NR, B, ST             |
| Red-necked Grebe       | <i>Podiceps grisegena</i>     | A                         |
| Slavonian Grebe        | <i>Podiceps auritus</i>       | A                         |
| Black-necked Grebe     | <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>   | A                         |
| Northern Fulmar        | <i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>     | A, D                      |
| Manx Shearwater        | <i>Puffinus puffinus</i>      | A, D                      |

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| Balearic Shearwater   | <i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>     | A, D   |
| Barolo Shearwater     | <i>Puffinus baroli</i>           | BBRC   |
| European Storm-petrel | <i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>      | A, D   |
| Leach's Storm-petrel  | <i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>     | A, D   |
| Northern Gannet       | <i>Morus bassanus</i>            | A, N away from Lower Thames                    |
| Cormorant             | <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>       | MM, NR, B, ST                                  |
| Shag                  | <i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i> | A  |
| Bittern               | <i>Botaurus stellaris</i>        | A  |
| Little Bittern        | <i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>        | BBRC   |
| Night Heron           | <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>     | A, D   |
| Squacco Heron         | <i>Ardeola ralloides</i>         | BBRC   |
| Cattle Egret          | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>             | A, D   |
| Little Egret          | <i>Egretta garzetta</i>          | MM, NR, B, ST                                  |
| Great Egret           | <i>Ardea alba</i>                | A, D   |
| Grey Heron            | <i>Ardea cinerea</i>             | MM, NR, B, ST                                  |
| Purple Heron          | <i>Ardea purpurea</i>            | A, D   |
| Black Stork           | <i>Ciconia nigra</i>             | BBRC   |
| White Stork           | <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>           | A, D   |
| Glossy Ibis           | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>      | BBRC until 2013, then A,D                      |
| Spoonbill             | <i>Platalea leucorodia</i>       | A, D   |
| Honey Buzzard         | <i>Pernis apivorus</i>           | A, D   |
| Black Kite            | <i>Milvus migrans</i>            | A, D   |
| Red Kite              | <i>Milvus milvus</i>             | A  |
| White-tailed Eagle    | <i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>      | A, D   |
| Marsh Harrier         | <i>Circus aeruginosus</i>        | A  |
| Hen Harrier           | <i>Circus cyaneus</i>            | A, D May-Sep records away from<br>Lower Thames |
| Montagu's Harrier     | <i>Circus pygargus</i>           | A, D   |
| Goshawk               | <i>Accipiter gentilis</i>        | A, D   |
| Sparrowhawk           | <i>Accipiter nisus</i>           | A  |
| Common Buzzard        | <i>Buteo buteo</i>               | MM, NR, B, ST                                  |
| Rough-legged Buzzard  | <i>Buteo lagopus</i>             | A, D   |
| Golden Eagle*         | <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>         | A, D   |
| Osprey                | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>         | A  |
| Lesser Kestrel        | <i>Falco naumanni</i>            | BBRC   |
| Kestrel               | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>         | MM, NR, B, ST                                  |
| Red-footed Falcon     | <i>Falco vespertinus</i>         | A, D   |
| Merlin                | <i>Falco columbarius</i>         | A, N away from Lower Thames                    |
| Hobby                 | <i>Falco subbuteo</i>            | MM, NR, B, ST                                  |
| Gyr Falcon            | <i>Falco rusticolus</i>          | BBRC   |
| Peregrine Falcon      | <i>Falco peregrinus</i>          | MM, NR, B, ST                                  |
| Water Rail            | <i>Rallus aquaticus</i>          | A  |
| Spotted Crake         | <i>Porzana porzana</i>           | A, D   |
| Little Crake*         | <i>Porzana parva</i>             | BBRC   |
| Baillon's Crake       | <i>Porzana pusilla</i>           | BBRC   |
| Corncrake             | <i>Crex crex</i>                 | A, D   |
| Moorhen               | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>       | MM, B, ST                                      |
| Coot                  | <i>Fulica atra</i>               | MM, B, ST                                      |

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| Common Crane            | <i>Grus grus</i>               | A, D         |
| Great Bustard*          | <i>Otis tarda</i>              | BBRC         |
| Oystercatcher           | <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>   | A            |
| Black-winged Stilt      | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>   | BBRC         |
| Avocet                  | <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>  | A            |
| Stone-curlew            | <i>Burhinus oedipnemus</i>     | A, D         |
| Cream-coloured Courser* | <i>Cursorius cursor</i>        | BBRC         |
| Collared Pratincole     | <i>Glareola pratincola</i>     | BBRC         |
| Little Ringed Plover    | <i>Charadrius dubius</i>       | A            |
| Ringed Plover           | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>    | A            |
| Killdeer                | <i>Charadrius vociferus</i>    | BBRC         |
| Kentish Plover          | <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i> | A, D         |
| Dotterel                | <i>Charadrius morinellus</i>   | A, D         |
| American Golden Plover  | <i>Pluvialis dominica</i>      | A, D         |
| Pacific Golden Plover   | <i>Pluvialis fulva</i>         | BBRC         |
| European Golden Plover  | <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>     | A            |
| Grey Plover             | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>    | A            |
| Sociable Lapwing        | <i>Vanellus gregarius</i>      | BBRC         |
| White-tailed Lapwing    | <i>Vanellus leucurus</i>       | BBRC         |
| Northern Lapwing        | <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>       | MM, NR, P, B |
| Knot                    | <i>Calidris canutus</i>        | A            |
| Sanderling              | <i>Calidris alba</i>           | A            |
| Western Sandpiper       | <i>Calidris mauri</i>          | BBRC         |
| Little Stint            | <i>Calidris minuta</i>         | A            |
| Temminck's Stint        | <i>Calidris temminckii</i>     | A, D         |
| White-rumped Sandpiper  | <i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>    | A, D         |
| Baird's Sandpiper       | <i>Calidris bairdii</i>        | BBRC         |
| Pectoral Sandpiper      | <i>Calidris melanotos</i>      | A, D         |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper  | <i>Calidris acuminata</i>      | BBRC         |
| Curlew Sandpiper        | <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>     | A            |
| Purple Sandpiper        | <i>Calidris maritima</i>       | A, D         |
| Dunlin                  | <i>Calidris alpina</i>         | MM, NR, P, S |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper  | <i>Limicola falcinellus</i>    | BBRC         |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | <i>Tryngites subruficollis</i> | A, D         |
| Ruff                    | <i>Philomachus pugnax</i>      | A            |
| Jack Snipe              | <i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>     | A            |
| Common Snipe            | <i>Gallinago gallinago</i>     | MM, NR, P, S |
| Great Snipe             | <i>Gallinago media</i>         | BBRC         |
| Long-billed Dowitcher   | <i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i> | BBRC         |
| Woodcock                | <i>Scolopax rusticola</i>      | A            |
| Black-tailed Godwit     | <i>Limosa limosa</i>           | A            |
| Bar-tailed Godwit       | <i>Limosa lapponica</i>        | A            |
| Eurasian Whimbrel       | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>       | A            |
| Eurasian Curlew         | <i>Numenius arquata</i>        | A            |
| Common Sandpiper        | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>      | A            |
| Spotted Sandpiper       | <i>Actitis macularius</i>      | BBRC         |
| Green Sandpiper         | <i>Tringa ochropus</i>         | A            |
| Solitary Sandpiper      | <i>Tringa solitaria</i>        | BBRC         |

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| Spotted Redshank         | <i>Tringa erythropus</i>            | A   |
| Greenshank               | <i>Tringa nebularia</i>             | A   |
| Lesser Yellowlegs        | <i>Tringa flavipes</i>              | BBRC  |
| Marsh Sandpiper          | <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>           | BBRC  |
| Wood Sandpiper           | <i>Tringa glareola</i>              | A   |
| Common Redshank          | <i>Tringa totanus</i>               | MM, NR, P, S  |
| Turnstone                | <i>Arenaria interpres</i>           | A   |
| Wilson's Phalarope       | <i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>          | BBRC  |
| Red-necked Phalarope     | <i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>           | A, D  |
| Grey Phalarope           | <i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>        | A, D  |
| Pomarine Skua            | <i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>       | A, D  |
| Arctic Skua              | <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>     | A, D away from Lower Thames                                       |
| Long-tailed Skua         | <i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>     | A, D  |
| Great Skua               | <i>Stercorarius skua</i>            | A, D  |
| Sabine's Gull            | <i>Xema sabini</i>                  | A, D  |
| Kittiwake                | <i>Rissa tridactyla</i>             | A   |
| Bonaparte's Gull         | <i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i> | BBRC  |
| Black-headed Gull        | <i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>   | MM, B, ST   |
| Little Gull              | <i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>         | A   |
| Laughing Gull            | <i>Larus atricilla</i>              | BBRC  |
| Franklin's Gull          | <i>Larus pipixcan</i>               | BBRC  |
| Mediterranean Gull       | <i>Larus melanocephalus</i>         | A   |
| Common Gull              | <i>Larus canus</i>                  | MM, ST  |
| Ring-billed Gull         | <i>Larus delawarensis</i>           | A, D  |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | <i>Larus fuscus</i>                 | MM, B, ST   |
| Herring Gull             | <i>Larus argentatus</i>             | MM, B, ST   |
| Yellow-legged Gull       | <i>Larus michahellis</i>            | A   |
| Caspian Gull             | <i>Larus cachinnans</i>             | A, D away from Lower Thames, W<br>London reservoirs or Beddington |
| Iceland Gull             | <i>Larus glaucoides</i>             | A, D away from Lower Thames, W<br>London reservoirs or Beddington |
| Glaucous-winged Gull     | <i>Larus glaucescens</i>            | BBRC  |
| Glaucous Gull            | <i>Larus hyperboreus</i>            | A, D away from Lower Thames, W<br>London reservoirs or Beddington |
| Great Black-backed Gull  | <i>Larus marinus</i>                | MM, NR, B, ST   |
| Sooty Tern               | <i>Onychoprion fuscatus</i>         | BBRC  |
| Bridled Tern             | <i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>       | BBRC  |
| Little Tern              | <i>Sternula albifrons</i>           | A   |
| Gull-billed Tern         | <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>        | BBRC  |
| Caspian Tern             | <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>           | BBRC  |
| Whiskered Tern           | <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>           | BBRC  |
| Black Tern               | <i>Chlidonias niger</i>             | A   |
| White-winged Black Tern  | <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>       | A, D  |
| Sandwich Tern            | <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>          | A   |
| Common Tern              | <i>Sterna hirundo</i>               | MM, NR, B, F&L, P, ST   |
| Roseate Tern             | <i>Sterna dougallii</i>             | A, D  |
| Arctic Tern              | <i>Sterna paradisaea</i>            | A   |
| Common Guillemot         | <i>Uria aalge</i>                   | A, D away from Lower Thames                                       |

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| Razorbill                 | <i>Alca torda</i>                | A, D                       |
| Black Guillemot*          | <i>Cepphus grylle</i>            | A, D                       |
| Little Auk                | <i>Alle alle</i>                 | A, D                       |
| Puffin                    | <i>Fratercula arctica</i>        | A, D                       |
| Pallas's Sandgrouse       | <i>Syrhaptes paradoxus</i>       | BBRC                       |
| Feral Pigeon              | <i>Columba livia</i>             | MM, B, ST                  |
| Stock Dove                | <i>Columba oenas</i>             | MM, NR, B, ST              |
| Woodpigeon                | <i>Columba palumbus</i>          | MM, B, ST, P               |
| Collared Dove             | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>     | MM, NR, B, ST              |
| Turtle Dove               | <i>Streptopelia turtur</i>       | A                          |
| Ring-necked Parakeet      | <i>Psittacula krameri</i>        | MM, NR, B, ST              |
| Common Cuckoo             | <i>Cuculus canorus</i>           | A, F&L                     |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo      | <i>Coccyzus americanus</i>       | BBRC                       |
| Barn Owl                  | <i>Tyto alba</i>                 | A                          |
| Scops Owl*                | <i>Otus scops</i>                | BBRC                       |
| Snowy Owl                 | <i>Bubo scandiacus</i>           | BBRC                       |
| Little Owl                | <i>Athene noctua</i>             | A                          |
| Tawny Owl                 | <i>Strix aluco</i>               | A                          |
| Long-eared Owl            | <i>Asio otus</i>                 | A                          |
| Short-eared Owl           | <i>Asio flammeus</i>             | A                          |
| Tengmalm's Owl*           | <i>Aegolius funereus</i>         | BBRC                       |
| European Nightjar         | <i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>     | A, N                       |
| Common Nighthawk          | <i>Chordeiles minor</i>          | BBRC                       |
| Common Swift              | <i>Apus apus</i>                 | MM, B, P, F&L, ST          |
| Alpine Swift              | <i>Apus melba</i>                | A, D                       |
| Kingfisher                | <i>Alcedo atthis</i>             | T                          |
| European Bee-eater        | <i>Merops apiaster</i>           | A, D                       |
| European Roller           | <i>Coracias garrulus</i>         | BBRC                       |
| Hoopoe                    | <i>Upupa epops</i>               | A, D                       |
| Wryneck                   | <i>Jynx torquilla</i>            | A, D                       |
| Green Woodpecker          | <i>Picus viridis</i>             | T                          |
| Great Spotted Woodpecker  | <i>Dendrocopos major</i>         | T                          |
| Lesser Spotted Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos minor</i>         | T                          |
| Short-toed Lark           | <i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i> | A, D                       |
| Crested Lark              | <i>Galerida cristata</i>         | BBRC                       |
| Woodlark                  | <i>Lullula arborea</i>           | A                          |
| Skylark                   | <i>Alauda arvensis</i>           | A, B, P, W                 |
| Shore Lark                | <i>Eremophila alpestris</i>      | A, D                       |
| Sand Martin               | <i>Riparia riparia</i>           | MM, NR, B, F&L, P, ST      |
| Swallow                   | <i>Hirundo rustica</i>           | MM, NR, B, F&L, P, ST      |
| House Martin              | <i>Delichon urbicum</i>          | MM, NR, B, F&L, P, ST      |
| Red-rumped Swallow        | <i>Cecropis daurica</i>          | A, D                       |
| Richard's Pipit           | <i>Anthus richardi</i>           | A, D                       |
| Tawny Pipit               | <i>Anthus campestris</i>         | A, D until 2015, when BBRC |
| Olive-backed Pipit        | <i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>           | BBRC until 2013, then A, D |
| Tree Pipit                | <i>Anthus trivialis</i>          | A                          |
| Meadow Pipit              | <i>Anthus pratensis</i>          | MM, NR, B, W, P, ST        |
| Red-throated Pipit        | <i>Anthus cervinus</i>           | A, D until 2015, when BBRC |

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| Rock Pipit           | <i>Anthus petrosus</i>            | A                          |
| Water Pipit          | <i>Anthus spinoletta</i>          | A                          |
| Buff-bellied Pipit   | <i>Anthus rubescens</i>           | BBRC                       |
| Yellow Wagtail       | <i>Motacilla flava</i>            | A                          |
| Citrine Wagtail      | <i>Motacilla citreola</i>         | BBRC until 2015, when A,D  |
| Grey Wagtail         | <i>Motacilla cinerea</i>          | MM, NR, B, W, ST           |
| Pied Wagtail         | <i>Motacilla alba</i>             | MM, NR, B, ST              |
| Waxwing              | <i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>        | A                          |
| Dipper               | <i>Cinclus cinclus</i>            | A, D                       |
| Wren                 | <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>    | MM, T, ST                  |
| Dunnock              | <i>Prunella modularis</i>         | MM, T, ST                  |
| Alpine Accentor*     | <i>Prunella collaris</i>          | BBRC                       |
| Robin                | <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>         | MM, T, ST                  |
| Nightingale          | <i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>      | A                          |
| Bluethroat           | <i>Luscinia svecica</i>           | A, D                       |
| Black Redstart       | <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>       | A                          |
| Common Redstart      | <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>    | A                          |
| Whinchat             | <i>Saxicola rubetra</i>           | A                          |
| European Stonechat   | <i>Saxicola rubicola</i>          | A                          |
| Northern Wheatear    | <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>          | A                          |
| Desert Wheatear      | <i>Oenanthe deserti</i>           | BBRC                       |
| Grey-cheeked Thrush  | <i>Catharus minimus</i>           | BBRC                       |
| Ring Ouzel           | <i>Turdus torquatus</i>           | A                          |
| Blackbird            | <i>Turdus merula</i>              | MM, T, ST                  |
| Naumann's Thrush     | <i>Turdus naumanni</i>            | BBRC                       |
| Fieldfare            | <i>Turdus pilaris</i>             | MM, NR, F&L, P             |
| Song Thrush          | <i>Turdus philomelos</i>          | MM, NR, P, T, ST           |
| Redwing              | <i>Turdus iliacus</i>             | MM, NR, F&L, P             |
| Mistle Thrush        | <i>Turdus viscivorus</i>          | MM, NR, P, T, ST           |
| American Robin       | <i>Turdus migratorius</i>         | BBRC                       |
| Cetti's Warbler      | <i>Cettia cetti</i>               | A                          |
| Grasshopper Warbler  | <i>Locustella naevia</i>          | A                          |
| Savi's Warbler       | <i>Locustella luscinioides</i>    | BBRC                       |
| Aquatic Warbler      | <i>Acrocephalus paludicola</i>    | A, D until 2015, when BBRC |
| Sedge Warbler        | <i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i> | MM, NR, T, F&L, ST         |
| Paddyfield Warbler   | <i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>      | BBRC                       |
| Blyth's Reed Warbler | <i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>     | BBRC until 2015, when A,D  |
| Marsh Warbler        | <i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>     | A, D                       |
| Reed Warbler         | <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>    | MM, NR, T, F&L, ST         |
| Icterine Warbler     | <i>Hippolais icterina</i>         | A, D                       |
| Melodious Warbler    | <i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>       | A, D                       |
| Blackcap             | <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>         | MM, NR, F&L, T, B, ST, W   |
| Garden Warbler       | <i>Sylvia borin</i>               | A, F&L, T                  |
| Barred Warbler       | <i>Sylvia nisoria</i>             | A, D                       |
| Lesser Whitethroat   | <i>Sylvia curruca</i>             | MM, NR, F&L, T, B, ST      |
| Common Whitethroat   | <i>Sylvia communis</i>            | MM, NR, F&L, T, B, ST      |
| Dartford Warbler     | <i>Sylvia undata</i>              | A                          |

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| Subalpine Warbler       | <i>Sylvia cantillans</i>       | BBRC if identified to subspecies, otherwise A, D |
| Sardinian Warbler       | <i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>    | BBRC   |
| Eastern Crowned Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus coronatus</i>  | BBRC   |
| Pallas's Warbler        | <i>Phylloscopus proregulus</i> | A, D   |
| Yellow-browed Warbler   | <i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>  | A, D   |
| Hume's Warbler          | <i>Phylloscopus humei</i>      | BBRC   |
| Radde's Warbler         | <i>Phylloscopus schwarzi</i>   | A, D   |
| Dusky Warbler           | <i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>   | A, D   |
| Wood Warbler            | <i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i> | A  |
| Common Chiffchaff       | <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>  | MM, NR, F&L, T, ST, W                            |
| Iberian Chiffchaff      | <i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i>   | BBRC   |
| Willow Warbler          | <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>  | A, F&L, T  |
| Goldcrest               | <i>Regulus regulus</i>         | MM, NR, T, ST, W                                 |
| Firecrest               | <i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>     | A  |
| Spotted Flycatcher      | <i>Muscicapa striata</i>       | A  |
| Red-breasted Flycatcher | <i>Ficedula parva</i>          | A, D   |
| Pied Flycatcher         | <i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>      | A  |
| Bearded Tit             | <i>Panurus biarmicus</i>       | A  |
| Long-tailed Tit         | <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>     | MM, NR, T, ST, W                                 |
| Blue Tit                | <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>     | MM, T, ST  |
| Great Tit               | <i>Parus major</i>             | MM, T, ST  |
| Crested Tit             | <i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>   | A, D   |
| Coal Tit                | <i>Periparus ater</i>          | MM, NR, T, ST                                    |
| Willow Tit              | <i>Poecile montana</i>         | A, D   |
| Marsh Tit               | <i>Poecile palustris</i>       | A  |
| Nuthatch                | <i>Sitta europaea</i>          | T  |
| Treecreeper             | <i>Certhia familiaris</i>      | T  |
| Short-toed Treecreeper  | <i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>   | BBRC   |
| Penduline Tit           | <i>Remiz pendulinus</i>        | BBRC until 2015, when A,D                        |
| Golden Oriole           | <i>Oriolus oriolus</i>         | A, D   |
| Brown Shrike            | <i>Lanius cristatus</i>        | BBRC   |
| Isabelline Shrike       | <i>Lanius isabellinus</i>      | BBRC   |
| Red-backed Shrike       | <i>Lanius collurio</i>         | A, D   |
| Lesser Grey Shrike      | <i>Lanius minor</i>            | BBRC   |
| Great Grey Shrike       | <i>Lanius excubitor</i>        | A, D   |
| Woodchat Shrike         | <i>Lanius senator</i>          | A, D   |
| Jay                     | <i>Garrulus glandarius</i>     | MM, NR, B, P, ST                                 |
| Magpie                  | <i>Pica pica</i>               | MM, B, ST  |
| Nutcracker              | <i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i> | BBRC   |
| Jackdaw                 | <i>Corvus monedula</i>         | MM, NR, B, P, ST                                 |
| Rook                    | <i>Corvus frugilegus</i>       | MM, NR, B, P                                     |
| Carrion Crow            | <i>Corvus corone</i>           | MM, B, ST  |
| Hooded Crow             | <i>Corvus cornix</i>           | A, N   |
| Raven                   | <i>Corvus corax</i>            | A  |
| Starling                | <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>        | MM, B, P, ST                                     |
| Rose-coloured Starling  | <i>Sturnus roseus</i>          | A, D   |
| House Sparrow           | <i>Passer domesticus</i>       | MM, NR, B, P, ST                                 |

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| Tree Sparrow          | <i>Passer montanus</i>               | A   |
| Chaffinch             | <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>             | MM, B, P, ST  |
| Brambling             | <i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>      | A   |
| European Serin        | <i>Serinus serinus</i>               | A, D  |
| Greenfinch            | <i>Carduelis chloris</i>             | MM, NR, B, P, ST                                    |
| Goldfinch             | <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>           | MM, NR, B, P, ST                                    |
| Siskin                | <i>Carduelis spinus</i>              | MM, NR, P, S  |
| Linnet                | <i>Carduelis cannabina</i>           | MM, NR, B, W  |
| Twite                 | <i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>        | A, D  |
| Lesser Redpoll        | <i>Carduelis cabaret</i>             | MM, NR, P, S  |
| Mealy Redpoll         | <i>Carduelis flammea</i>             | A   |
| Arctic Redpoll        | <i>Carduelis hornemanni</i>          | BBRC if identified to subspecies,<br>otherwise A, D |
| Two-barred Crossbill* | <i>Loxia leucoptera</i>              | BBRC  |
| Common Crossbill      | <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>             | A   |
| Parrot Crossbill*     | <i>Loxia pytyopsittacus</i>          | A, D  |
| Common Rosefinch      | <i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>         | A, D  |
| Pine Grosbeak*        | <i>Pinicola enucleator</i>           | BBRC  |
| Bullfinch             | <i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>             | A, B, ST  |
| Hawfinch              | <i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i> | A   |
| Lapland Bunting       | <i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>          | A, D  |
| Snow Bunting          | <i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>         | A, N  |
| Pine Bunting          | <i>Emberiza leucocephalos</i>        | BBRC  |
| Yellowhammer          | <i>Emberiza citrinella</i>           | A   |
| Cirl Bunting          | <i>Emberiza cirlus</i>               | A, D  |
| Ortolan Bunting       | <i>Emberiza hortulana</i>            | A, D  |
| Rustic Bunting        | <i>Emberiza rustica</i>              | A, D until 2015, when BBRC                          |
| Little Bunting        | <i>Emberiza pusilla</i>              | A, D  |
| Reed Bunting          | <i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>          | MM, NR, T, P, ST                                    |
| Black-headed Bunting  | <i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>        | BBRC  |
| Corn Bunting          | <i>Emberiza calandra</i>             | A   |

In addition to the above, full descriptions are required for all species assessed by the British Birds Rarities Committee. Description forms are available from the Chair of the Editorial Board or Recorders on request. All records of escapes are also welcomed by the Society. All records of hybrids and birds showing plumage aberrance are also required.

## Subspecies

All records of subspecies/races are wanted. Full descriptions are required for the following: White Wagtail in autumn; Yellow Wagtail races other than *M. f. flavissima* and spring records of Blue-headed Wagtail; Siberian Chiffchaff; Northern Willow Warbler; Continental Coal Tit and Northern Bullfinch. For other subspecies please provide your reasons for assigning the record to a particular subspecies/race.

## BREEDING CRITERIA

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When sending in breeding records, please enter: 'possible breeding', 'probable breeding' or 'confirmed breeding' in the Comments section on the electronic records form according to the definitions below. Additional information can also be given, such as number of territories, broods, nests, young fledged, etc.

### Possible breeding

- Species observed in breeding season in suitable nesting habitat
- Singing male present (or breeding calls heard) in breeding season in suitable habitat

### Probable breeding

- Pair observed in suitable nesting habitat in breeding season
- Permanent territory presumed on at least two different days, a week or more apart
- Courtship and display (judged to be in or near potential breeding habitat)
- Visiting probable nest-site
- Agitated behaviour or anxiety calls from adults, suggesting nest or young near by
- Brood patch on adult examined in the hand, suggesting incubation
- Nest-building or excavating nest-hole

### Confirmed breeding

- Distraction-display or injury-feigning
- Used nest or eggshells found (occupied or laid within period of survey)
- Recently-fledged young (for warblers and other birds whose young are fed at the nest for some time after hatching, 'nidicolous species') or downy young (for ducks and other birds where the young leave the nest soon after hatching, 'nidifugous species')
- Adults entering or leaving nest-site in circumstances indicating occupied nest
- Adult carrying faecal sac or food for young
- Nest containing eggs
- Nest with young seen or heard

The above breeding categories are as used in the BTO Atlas project.