

# Irish Rare Bird Report 2018

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## Introduction

There were two species new to Ireland discovered in 2018, both found in October; a first-winter Veery *Catharus fuscescens* (Cork), and a first-winter Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla* (Cork).

In addition, Ireland's second Eastern Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans albigriata* (Donegal) was recorded in May. Ireland's third ever Mourning Dove *Zenaidura macroura* (Galway) and Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola* (Cork) were both found in November. The fourth Irish Pacific Diver *Gavia pacifica* (Cork) was present from January to April, returning again from October to December.

Other highlights in 2018 included the sixth Scarlet Tanager *Piranga olivacea* (Cork) for Ireland, the seventh

Booted Warbler *Iduna caligata* (Kerry), the eighth Swainson's Thrush *Catbarus ustulatus* (Cork), the 12th record of Blackpoll Warbler *Setophaga striata* (Galway) and the 14th and 15th records of Blyth's Reed Warblers *Acrocephalus dumetorum* (Cork and Donegal).

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**Plate 23.** Veery *Catharus fuscescens*, Cape Clear Island, Cork, October 2018 (Colin Barton).

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## 2018 Systematic List

The sequence and scientific nomenclature used for the 2018 Report largely follows the IOC World List version 8.2 (Gill & Donsker 2018), replacing the previously referenced BOU British List (British Ornithologists' Union 2013). For an explanation of this change as well as other taxonomic decisions made by the IRBC please consult the Announcements page on our website at [www.irbc.ie/announcements/announcements.php](http://www.irbc.ie/announcements/announcements.php)

The three numbers in parentheses after each species refer respectively to (a) the total number of birds up to 31st December 1949; (b) the total number of birds from 1st January 1950, up to, but excluding, the current year – where this total is enclosed in square brackets, totals are from 1st January 2010 only; (c) the total number of new individuals for the current year. Some totals are minimum figures due to lack of precise numbers in historical texts – where this is the case, the total is succeeded by a '+'. In addition to the species totals, the total number of individuals being added to the species total is included immediately following the county name. Please note that the finders' credits are placed in alphabetical order, with a limit of two names per record.

### **Black Brant** *Branta bernicla nigricans* (0; 39; 0)

**Kerry** Zero: Adult, Castlegregory 11th January to 5th February, also at Ventry on 25th March, photographed (M.O'Clery *et al.*), presumed returning individual last recorded in February 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 58).

### **Canada Goose** *Branta canadensis* (0; 43; 1)

**Mayo** One: One, possibly of the race *interior*, Termoncarragh and Cross Lough from October 2017 remained until 9th April, photographed (M.Reilly, D.Suddaby *et al.*), presumed same individual last recorded in April 2017 (see below); One, possibly of the race *interior*, Inishkea North, 28th October (D.Suddaby).

**2017 Donegal** One: One, of the race *interior*, Dunfanaghy New Lake, 25th February (M.Boyle, A.McMillan).

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**Rarities** The full list of taxa requiring substantiating documentation can be found at [www.irbc.ie/records/desclist.php](http://www.irbc.ie/records/desclist.php). For a full explanation of the background and purpose of the list, see *Irish Birds* 7: 413-418 or online at [www.irbc.ie/announcements/announce1.php](http://www.irbc.ie/announcements/announce1.php)

**2017 Mayo** Zero: One, possibly of the race *interior*, Belderra, Termoncarragh and Cross Lough from 23rd October to 9th April 2018, photographed (D.Suddaby *et al.*), presumed returning individual (see below 2016 Mayo).

**2016 Mayo** One: One, possibly of the race *interior*, Belderra, Termoncarragh and Cross Lough from 13th December to 28th March 2017, photographed (D.Suddaby *et al.*).

### **Cackling Goose** *Branta hutchinsii* (0; 32; 0)

**2017 Donegal** One: One, race undetermined, Kilcar, 16th January (T.Campbell, C.Ingram *et al.*).

### **Tundra Bean Goose** *Anser serrirostris* (0; 33; 4)

**Galway** Four: Three, Belclare Turlough, 27th January (E.Delaney), with four there, 28th January, photographed (D.Storey-Branagh). The first record for the county.

### **Taiga/Tundra Bean Goose**

*Anser fabalis/rossicus* (0; 5; 0)

**2017 Donegal** Three: Three, unaged, Ardee, Lough Swilly, 26th November (P.McCarron, R.Sheppard).

The views obtained precluded specific identification.

### **Russian White-fronted Goose**

*Anser albifrons albifrons* (51; 120; 2)

**Wexford** Two: Adult, Wexford Wildfowl Reserve, 1st to 20th January, photographed (K.Grace, A.Walsh *et al.*); First-winter, Wexford Wildfowl Reserve, 6th January (P.Kelly).

### **Blue-winged Teal** *Anas discors* (3; 110; 2)

**Galway** One: First calendar-year male, Loch Phort Chorrúich, Inishmore, 29th September (N.T.Keogh).

**Kerry** One: Juvenile female, Trabeg, Dingle Peninsula, 2nd to 10th October (M.O'Clery *et al.*).

The Galway record is the ninth for the county, with the most recent at Rahasane Turlough on 19th October 2013 (*Irish Birds* 10: 75). The Kerry record is the eighth for the county, with the most recent involving a male at Ballylongford on 27th to 30th March 2013 (*Irish Birds* 10: 75).



**Plate 24.** Black Brant *Branta bernicla nigricans*, Castlegregory, Kerry, January 2018 (Michael O'Clery).

**American Wigeon** *Anas americana*  
(0; 146; 6)

**Donegal** Two: Adult male, Culdaff Estuary, 7th January and 3rd February, photographed (C.Ingram, R.Sheppard), presumed same individual reported from November 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 58); First-year male, Culdaff Estuary, 18th November, and (unaged) male and female there on 25th November, photographed (T.Campbell, D.Charles *et al.*), male presumed returning.

**Galway** One: Adult male, Loch Phort Chorrúch, Inishmore, 22nd October, photographed (S.McCann, J.Proudfoot).

**Wexford** One: Adult male, Tacumshin Lake, 20th and 21st May, photographed (K.Mullarney *et al.*).

**Wicklow** Two: Second calendar year male, Broad Lough, 24th May, photographed (J.Proudfoot); Adult male, Kilcoole, 14th October, photographed (M.Boyle).

The Wexford male was apparently paired with a female Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope*.

**Lesser Scaup** *Aythya affinis* (0; 42; 0)

**Sligo** Zero: Adult male, Lough Gara, 28th October (S.Feeney), presumed returning individual last reported in January 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 58).

**King Eider** *Somateria spectabilis* (4; 29; 3)

**Clare** One: First-winter male, Flaggy Shore, 13th to 19th March, photographed (P.Troake *et al.*).

**Cork** One: First-winter female, Toormore, Dunmanus Bay, 10th March to 17th April, photographed (K.Cronin *et al.*).

**Donegal** Zero: Eclipse adult male, off Inishfad Beach, Donegal Bay, 22nd August, photographed (D.Hutchinson Edgar, N.Hutchinson Edgar), presumed returning bird, last reported in October 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 59).

**Kerry** Zero: Female, Sandy Bay, Castlegregory, 11th to 25th January (M.O'Clery *et al.*), presumed same individual reported in December 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 59).

**Mayo** One: First-winter male, Blacksod Bay, 19th to 21st February (D.Suddaby).

**Sligo** Zero: Adult male, Tanrego, Ballysadare Bay, 14th January (T.Hunter, S.McCanny), presumed returning bird last reported in March 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 59).

**Surf Scoter** *Melanitta perspicillata* ((6; 251; 10)

**Clare** Zero: Adult male, Bishop's Quarter, 7th March, then Flaggy Shore from 14th March, Coolsiva Pier 30th March to 13th April, and Rine, 27th April (P.Cullinan, J.N.Murphy *et al.*). Presumed same individual off Rine, 15th October and Coolsiva Pier 25th December. Presumed returning



bird previously recorded in December 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 59).

**Donegal** Two: Female, Ballymoney, 13th January (D.Brennan); Female, Mountcharles, 24th to 29th December, photographed (G.Thomas *et al.*).

**Dublin** One: A pair and two adult males, Balbriggan from 19th to 25th March, then four males and a female off Hampton Cove on 5th April and a peak count of five males (one new bird) and a female off Barnageeragh, Skerries on 6th April, photographed (A.G.Kelly, P.Kelly *et al.*), presumed to involve returning birds from the series of records along the Meath and North Dublin coastline reported in 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 59).

**Kerry** Three: Male, Brandon Bay, 2nd February (E.Carty), presumed one of two males present in December 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 59); Adult female, Rossbeigh, 9th to 20th February, photographed (P.Lehikoinen *et al.*); First-winter male, Reen Pier, Ballinskelligs Bay, 3rd to 13th February, photographed (D.Jeffrey *et al.*), presumed same individual last reported December 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 59); First calendar-year male, Rossbeigh, 20th March, photographed (M.O'Clery); Adult female, Inny Strand, 30th August (P.Troake).

**Mayo** One: First-winter male, Broadhaven Bay, 11th to 13th January (D.Suddaby *et al.*).

**Meath** Zero: Male, Laytown, 2nd January, and a male and female pair there from 7th January, also reported at Gormanstown, Ben Head and Bettystown, with three adult males off Ben Head on 20th April 2018 (A.G.Kelly, P.Kelly *et al.*), presumed to involve returning birds from the series of records along the Meath and North Dublin coastline reported in 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 59).

**Wexford** Three: First-winter male and first-winter female, Rosslare, 27th January to 7th April, photographed (P.Kelly *et al.*); Adult male, Curracloe, 17th February (K.Grace).

### **Black Scoter** *Melanitta americana* (0; 1; 0)

**Kerry** Zero: Adult male, off Rossbeigh, recorded regularly until 7th April, and again from 24th October to 28th December, photographed (S.Enright, D.Farrar *et al.*), presumed returning individual last reported in October 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 59).

### **Bufflehead** *Bucephala albeola* (0; 2; 1)

**Cork** One: Adult female, Ballinacarriga Lake, 26th November to 15th December, photographed (R.O'Driscoll *et al.*).

The third record for Ireland, and the second for Cork, following a female at The Gearagh, Cork, between 18th January and 8th March 1998 (*Irish Birds* 6: 386), and a first-year male at Lough Ateadaun, Clare, between 6th January and 4th March 2007 (*Irish Birds* 8: 587).

### **Pacific Diver** *Gavia pacifica* (0; 3; 1)

**Cork** One: Adult, Crookhaven, 18th January to 18th April, photographed (S.Cronin *et al.*), and, presumed same in breeding plumage from 7th October to 30th December (P.Connaughton *et al.*).

**Galway** Zero: Adult, off Tawin, 7th February (P.Lehikoinen *et al.*), presumed returning.

The Galway bird is considered to be the same individual found off Tawin in April 2014 (*Irish Birds* 10: 239), which was the second Irish record. The Cork bird is the fourth Irish record, and first for the county.

### **White-billed Diver** *Gavia adamsii* (0; 22; 1)

**Donegal** One: Adult, off Tory Island, 28th April to 2nd June, (D.Brennan *et al.*), presumed returning bird; Adult, breeding plumage, Bunagee Pier, Culdaff Bay, 1st to 7th August, photographed (P.Higgins).



**Plate 25.** Pacific Diver *Gavia pacifica*, Crookhaven, Cork, January 2018 (Richard Mills).

The run of records in late spring from Tory Island continues for the fourth year, and may involve some returning birds. See also Appendix 5 for corrections to previous reports.

### Wilson's Storm-petrel

*Oceanites oceanicus* (2; 491; 88)

**Cork** 78: One, south of Seven Heads, 24th May, photographed (P.Connaughton); Four, south of Baltimore, 5th June, photographed (P.Connaughton *et al.*); Four, south of Baltimore, 7th June (P.Connaughton *et al.*); One, south of Baltimore, 21st July (P.Connaughton *et al.*); 59, south of Cape Clear Island, 29th July, photographed (P.Connaughton *et al.*); One, south of Cape Clear Island, 4th August (P.Connaughton *et al.*); Two, south of Baltimore, 12th August (P.Connaughton *et al.*); Four, south of Baltimore, 18th August (P.Connaughton *et al.*); One, south of Baltimore, 19th August (P.Connaughton *et al.*); One, south of Baltimore, 2nd September (P.Connaughton *et al.*)

**Clare** Five: One, off Bridges of Ross, 14th June (J.N.Murphy); One, off Bridges of Ross, 6th August (G.Pearson), One, off Bridges of Ross, 15th August (P.Cullinan); One, off Bridges of Ross, 24th August, photographed (K.Langdon); One, off Bridges of Ross, 9th September (D.Dack *et al.*).

**Kerry** Five: Four, Skellig Michael, 8th August (J.N.Murphy); One, Skellig Michael, 7th September (J.N.Murphy).

As in the last two years, the regular late summer pelagic trips out of Baltimore, Cork provided the bulk of the records, although numbers were a bit lower in 2018. The degree of double-counting of some individuals and overlap between trips is unknown.

### Black-browed Albatross

*Thalassarche melanophris* (0; 12; 1)

**Kerry** One: Adult, Skellig Michael, 1st May, photographed (J.N.Murphy).

The 13th record for Ireland, and the first since an adult off the Annagh Peninsula, Mayo on 22nd September 2009 (*Irish Birds* 9: 445). This is the second record for Kerry, following an adult in Brandon Bay on 15th August 1964 (IBR 12: 7).

### Zino's/Fea's/Desertas Petrel

*Pterodroma madeira/feae/deserta* (0; 121; 9)

**Cork** Nine: One, off Ballycotton, 26th July (B.Power); One, off Mizen Head, 28th July (D.O'Sullivan); One, from a pelagic trip offshore from Cape Clear, 26th August, photographed (P.Connaughton, S.Enright *et al.*); One, off Seven Heads, 10th September (P.Connaughton); Five (three singles and two together), off Galley Head, 17th September (C.Cronin).

A good year. Five past Galley Head in one day becomes the highest day total recorded to date, after three past Galley Head on 31st July 2013 (*Irish Birds* 10: 76). There have now been 29 birds recorded from Galley Head compared to 28 from the Bridges of Ross.

### Barolo Shearwater *Puffinus baroli* (1; 24; 1)

**Clare** One: One, off Bridges of Ross, 23rd August (A.McMillan, N.Warnock *et al.*).

### Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* (103; 332; 23)

**Clare** One: One, Liscannor, 8th January (J.N.Murphy).



**Plate 26.** Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*, Eyrephort, Galway, January 2018 (Dermot Breen).

**Cork** Ten: Four, Rathbarry, 1st to 3rd January, photographed (C.Barton, C.Cronin), first recorded in December 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 61); Six, Lissagriffin, 15th January (D.Lysaght, P.Wolstenholme); One, Garretstown, 25th March to 18th April, photographed (A.Renshaw *et al.*); One, Ballymacoda, 25th March (J.Kennedy); Two, in off the sea, Mizen Head, 26th September (D.Ballard).

**Galway** One: One, Eyrephort, 11th to 17th January, photographed (M.O'Malley *et al.*).

**Laois** One: One, flying over the M8 on the Laois border, 12th May (E.Dempsey).

**Louth** One: One, Rockmarshall and subsequently upriver from Dundalk Docks, 20th to 27th September, photographed (T.Cooney *et al.*).

**Westmeath** Two: One, Cloonbonny, 15th January (P.Maher), with two there 22nd January, photographed (T.Kelly).

**Wexford** Four: Two, Cahore, 5th January (C.Cardiff) and, presumed one of these two, Cahore, 25th to 31st March, photographed (E.MacLochlainn *et al.*) and, one, Cahore, 25th April (C.Cardiff); One, Lady's Island Lake, 12th to 14th October, photographed (P.Kelly *et al.*), also seen Tacumshin Lake, 25th October, photographed (P.Archer); One, The Pill, Rosslare, 2nd to 30th December, photographed (A.A.Kelly, P.Kelly *et al.*).

**Wicklow** Three: One, East Coast Nature Reserve, 21st January, and three from 23rd January to 30th March, with one bird again at East Coast Nature Reserve on 8th April, and two there from 27th April to 2nd May, photographed (N.Hatch, R.Moore *et al.*), also seen Newcastle Airfield.

The record from Laois is the first for the county. The record from Louth is the fourth for the county, following one at Grangebellew between 3rd May and 7th August 2014 (*Irish Birds* 10: 242), one at Ardee on 18th October 2014 (*Irish Birds* 10: 242) and one at Castletown River, Dundalk between 28th and 30th August, later moving to Lurgangreen between 30th August and 24th October (*Irish Birds* 10: 549). The degree of double-counting of some mobile individuals is unknown, although must be inevitable!

### **Spoonbill** *Platalea leucorodia* (92; 177; 1)

**Kerry** Zero: Returning adult, Cromane Harbour, from 28th September 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 61) remained to 24th February (M.O'Clery *et al.*), and again from 17th September to 27th December, photographed (S.Enright *et al.*); Adult, Portmagee, 14th to 28th October, photographed (P.MacDaid *et al.*), presumed same individual reported in October 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 61).

**Waterford** Zero: Two, The Cunnigar, Dungarvan 1st January, with three there, 6th January to 2nd February and two from 11th February to 7th May (A.Malcolm, J.N.Murphy *et al.*); presumed some of the two adults and three juveniles, first seen in October 2016 (*Irish Birds* 10: 550 & 11: 61).

**Wexford** One: First-winter, Lady's Island Lake, 4th November to 1st December, photographed, also seen at Tacumshin Lake on 24th November and Rosslare Backstrand on 1st December (P.Kelly *et al.*).

### **Bittern** *Botaurus stellaris* (161+; 47; 4)

**Wexford** One: One, in flight, Lingstown, Tacumshin Lake, 2nd November (P.Kelly).

**Wicklow** Three: One, Woodenbridge, 26th January, photographed (T.Walsh); One, Jack White's Cross, Ballynapark, 24th October, photographed (E.Dempsey, J.N.Murphy *et al.*); One, flying east 500m offshore from the south side of Wicklow Head, 30th October (N.Veale). The possibility of the two October records in Wicklow involving the same individual cannot be ruled out.

### **Squacco Heron** *Ardeola ralloides* (11; 11; 1)

**Wexford** One: One, Greenore Point, 20th April (A.A.Kelly).

The third record for Wexford, following one at Ferrycarrig Heritage Park from 19th April to 6th May 1988 (*Irish Birds* 4: 84 & 5: 450), and an adult at South Slob on 29th May 2007 (*Irish Birds* 8: 588).

### **Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* (0; 363; 104)

**Carlow** Two: Two, River Burren, Fenagh, 20th December (M.McCarthy).

**Clare** One: One, Quinn Road, Ennis, 4th December (J.N.Murphy).

**Cork** 32: Three breeding plumage adults, near Cul-de-sac Pool, Clonakilty, 10th April (C.O'Sullivan); Two, Croagh Estuary, 9th October, photographed (C.Foley, D.Foley *et al.*); One, Lough Errul, Cape Clear Island, 10th October, photographed (V.Caschera *et al.*); One, south of Skibbereen Golf Course, 11th October (J.Wyllie); One, near Clonakilty, 13th October (D.Charles); One, Cape Clear Island, 21st to 25th October, photographed (M.Cadogan *et al.*); One, The Gearagh, 22nd October (M.O'Donovan), presumed same 3rd December, and two there from 9th to 29th December; One, near Cul-de-sac Pool, Clonakilty, 24th October (P.Lombard); Four, White's Marsh, 5th November (C.Cronin *et al.*), with three remaining until 18th November; One, Dursey Island, 2nd to 8th November (K.Finch, B.O'Leary *et al.*); Three, Slatty's Pool, 21st November, increased to four there, 30th November (T.Gittings *et al.*), with three still present 3rd December; Two, Fountainstown, 15th November (S.Bayley); Six, Oldcourt, 27th November (J.Mitchell, M.Mitchell *et al.*); Two, Lough Clubir, Unionhall, 29th November (P.Moore, D.O'Sullivan *et al.*), still present 5th



**Plate 27.** Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*, Tubrid, Kerry, February 2018 (Fionn Moore).



December; One, Enniskeane, 21st to 30th December (M.O'Donovan).

**Dublin** Three: One, Cabinteely Park, 31st January, photographed (P.O'Riordan); One, Portmarnock, 25th November, photographed (J.Hayes); One, Turvey Golf Course, 12th December (B.Carruthers).

Galway Four: One, Ballyconneely, 30th September to 14th October, photographed (D.Rees *et al.*); One, Roscam Point, 21st October, photographed (D.McNicholas *et al.*); Two, flying south, Gort, 10th December (J.N.Murphy).

**Kerry** One: One, Tubrid, Kenmare, 31st January to 24th February, photographed (C.Daly *et al.*).

**Kildare** Five: Four flying west, south of Naas, 24th June (L.Geraty, S.Geraty); One, Kileen Golf Club, 7th to 11th December, photographed (P.Kelly).

**Limerick** Five: Four, Bunlicky, 8th November, with five present from 19th November, and at Ballykeeffe near Dooradoyle, 24th November, with two birds remaining there on 29th November, photographed (S.Bylin, B.Clarfield-Bylin *et al.*).

**Mayo** One: One, Tallagh, Belmullet Peninsula, 16th to 19th November, photographed (A.Irwin, D.Suddaby *et al.*).

**Sligo** One: One, Enniscrone, 11th to 14th November (M.Casey *et al.*).

**Waterford** 11: Up to three birds from 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 63) remained in Ballyshoneen area from 1st January to 25th February, photographed (P.Archer, C.Flynn *et al.*); One, Knockaderry, 11th February (M.Dennehy); One, Killongford, 7th November, photographed (J.A.Power); One, Seafield, Bunmahon, 9th & 10th November, photographed (D.Weldon); One, Ardmore, 6th December (M.Cowming sr); Six, Kilmaclegue, Tramore, 22nd December (A.Smith); One, Kinsalebeg, 22nd December (A.O'Brien).

**Wexford** 38: Four, Killag, 9th February were presumed to remain from 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 63), with three still present, 27th February and one bird around Tacumshin Lake, Lingstown and Tomhaggard to 9th May (K.Grace, R.Hynes *et al.*); One, Lingstown, Tacumshin Lake, 6th to 28th October, photographed (C.Cardiff, J.Cusack *et al.*); One, Lady's Island Lake, 19th October, and two there that evening, photographed (B.Haslam, K.Mullarney *et al.*), increasing to 23 birds on 21st October, with 12 on 22nd October, three on 23rd October and one on 28th October; One, Drinagh, 30th October, presumed same there, 24th November (S.Farrell *et al.*); One, Cahore, 2nd to 17th November (C.Cardiff, T.Kavanagh); One, 2km north of Ferrycarrig, 2nd November (A.A.Kelly, P.Kelly); One, Tacumshin Lake, 11th to 30th November (P.Kelly); One, Lady's Island Lake, 13th November (R.Hynes, T.Kavanagh); One, Ballycanew, 3rd December (C.Cardiff); Six, Drinagh, 29th December into 2019 (K.Grace, G.O'Sullivan); Two, Wexford Wildfowl Reserve, 14th December (P.Kelly).

It is hard to know the degree of double-counting, with birds moving between sites, particularly in Cork and Wexford. See also Appendix 5 for corrections to previous reports.

### Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* (1; 26; 2)

**Cork** One: One, in flight over a farm at Knockgriffin, Middleton, 24th June (P.Moore).

**Wexford** One: One, Tacumshin Lake, 28th April (P.Kelly).

### Great White Egret *Ardea alba* (0; 116; 14)

**Clare** Three: One, Loch Atedaun, 20th April and 16th May (J.L.Copner);



**Plate 28.** Great White Egret *Ardea alba*, Duniskey, Cork, December 2018 (Richard Mills).

One, Shannon Airport Lagoon, 20th May (Ph.Brennan), Adult, breeding plumage, Ballyalia Lake, 16th June, photographed (P.Cullinan).

**Cork** One: One, The Gearagh, 16th September to 31st December, photographed (S.van Wierst *et al.*), presumed same, Duniskey, 24th December (J.Lynch).

**Dublin** One: One, Rogerstown, 10th July (P.Philips).

**Galway** One: Two, Angliham, 4th February were presumed same individuals first recorded in 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 64). These two were seen occasionally throughout 2018, with two, Angliham, 4th February (T.Griffin), and singles reported there up to 20th February, one, Angliham, 17th June (T.Griffin), one, Muckrush, 9th August, one, Angliham, 10th August (P.Cullinan), and one, Angliham, 17th October (T.Griffin); Three, Muckrush, 24th October (D.Breen), involved one presumed new bird, with two birds, Muckrush, 17th to 19th November (D.Storey-Brannagh, J.Cusack *et al.*).

**Kerry** One: One, Tralee Bay, 23rd to 26th September, photographed (D.O'Connor *et al.*).

**Kildare** One: One, River Barrow, Athy, 20th October to 22nd November, photographed (R.Kane *et al.*).

**Louth** One: One, Baltray, 24th July (G.Murray).

**Mayo** Zero: One, Rostaff Turlough, 28th September (D.Breen), presumed to be one of the birds frequenting the Lough Corrib area.

**Tipperary** One: One, Baunmore Bog, Templetuohy, 15th June (Pt.Brennan).

**Waterford** One: One in flight, Brickey Canal, 16th December (J.A.Power).

**Wexford** Three: Adult, breeding plumage, Lady's Island Lake, 29th April, photographed (P.Kelly *et al.*); One, Lingstown, Tacumshin Lake, 27th June, photographed (B.McCloskey, G.Murray *et al.*); One, Tacumshin Lake, 15th August (M.Wink).

**2017 Mayo** One: Adult, Lough Mask, 9th May (P.Wolstenholme).

The Galway birds are considered to be largely resident, despite the often long gaps between sightings. The Kildare record is the second record for the county, following one at Crookstown on 11th January 2015 (*Irish Birds* 10: 400).

## Crane *Grus grus* (29; 174; 2)

**Dublin** One: One flying west along River Liffey, Chapelizod, 15th November (J.Geraty).

**Westmeath** One: One, in field east of exit 10 on M4, 1st December (L.Geraty).

## Stone Curlew *Burhinus oedicanus* (15; 12; 1)

**Waterford** One: One, on farmland near Dungarvan, 28th May, photographed (A.Curran).

The third record for Waterford, following one at Brownstown Head on 1st March 1840 (Thompson, 1850) and one shot in Waterford on 16th May 1928 (Kennedy *et al.* 1954).

## Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* (36; 131; 2)

**Dublin** One: First-winter, North Bull Island, 16th to 18th September, photographed (T.Carroll *et al.*).

**Wexford** One: One, Fishertown, Campile, 31st December, photographed (T.Murray *et al.*).

## Pacific Golden Plover

*Pluvialis fulva* (0; 16; 1)

**Wicklow** One: Adult male, Poulaphouca Reservoir, 11th to 13th July, photographed (B.King *et al.*).

The first record for the county.

## American Golden Plover

*Pluvialis dominica* (1; 325; 16)

**Clare** One: Adult, Loop Head, 22nd to 26th October, photographed (J.N.Murphy *et al.*).

**Cork** Two: One, flyover, calling, Seven Heads, 16th September (P.Connaughton); Adult, The Gearagh, 24th September (A.Duggan).

**Galway** Two: Adult, Omev Strand, 13th to 26th September, photographed (D.Breen, N.T.Keogh *et al.*); Adult, Truska, Slyne Head, 6th October, photographed (D.Breen).

**Kerry** One: Juvenile, Carrahane, 5th October, photographed (D.Farrar *et al.*).

**Louth** One: Juvenile, Lurgangreen, 21st October (P.Kelly).

**Mayo** One: Juvenile, Leam Lough, Mullet Peninsula, 20th October (D.Suddaby).

**Wexford** Eight: Adult, Lady's Island Lake, 21st April, heard calling (M.Boyle, A.McMillan); First summer, Tacumshin Lake, 23rd to 27th May, photographed (K.Mullarney *et al.*); Adult, Tacumshin Lake, 3rd September to 6th October, photographed, (H.Servignat *et al.*); Joined by a second adult on 6th October, which remained until 7th October, photographed (P.Kelly *et al.*); Adult, The Cull, 23rd September (K.Grace); Adult, Rosslare Back Strand, 6th October (P.Kelly); Juvenile, Tacumshin Lake, 4th to 7th October, photographed (K.Mullarney *et al.*); One, Tacumshin Lake, 23rd October (F.McGinley, P.Smith).

See also Appendix 5 for corrections to previous reports.



**Plate 29.** Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*, Poulaphouca Reservoir, Wicklow, July 2018 (Brian McCloskey).



## Semipalmated Plover

*Charadrius semipalmatus* (0; 6; 0)

**Mayo** Zero: Third calendar-year, Keel Beach, Achill Island, 16th to 24th February, photographed (M.Boyle, A.McMillan *et al.*), considered same individual as recorded between 2nd and 14th October 2016 (*Irish Birds* 10: 553) and 13th to 30th September 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 65). See also Appendix 5 for corrections to previous reports.

## Little Ringed Plover

*Charadrius dubius* (0; 169; 20)

**Cork** Ten: Two adult males and two adult females, Harper's Island, Cork Harbour, 5th April to 27th May, photographed (T.Gittings, P.Moore *et al.*); Juvenile, The Gearagh, 4th July (A.Duggan); Two juveniles, The Gearagh, 23rd July, with three present 24th July, and four present 28th July to 3rd August (A.Duggan, J.Lynch); Juvenile, The Gearagh, 23rd to 26th September (A.Duggan).

**Wexford** Nine: Adult, Tacumshin Lake, 8th April, photographed (P.Kelly); Adult, Tacumshin Lake, 14th July (P.Kelly); Juvenile, Tacumshin Lake, 3rd to 6th August, photographed (P.Kelly *et al.*); Juvenile, Tacumshin Lake, 11th August, with three juveniles present 12th August, one remaining to 19th August, photographed (P.Kelly, A.McMillan *et al.*); Juvenile, Lady's Island Lake, 12th August, photographed (P.Kelly, B.Power); Juvenile, Lady's Island Lake, 18th to 24th August, photographed (P.Kelly *et al.*); Juvenile, Ring Marsh, 24th August (P.Kelly);

**Wicklow** One: Adult male, Kilcoole, 6th May, photographed (C.Forkan *et al.*).

## Dotterel *Charadrius morinellus* (146; 200; 4)

**Cork** Two: One, Old Head of Kinsale, 30th September (A.Duggan), One, in flight, calling, Lehanemore, Beara Peninsula, 22nd October



**Plate 30.** American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica*, Tacumshin Lake, Wexford, September 2018 (Tom Shevlin).

(K.Grace, N.Warnock).

**Clare** One: One, Kilbaha, 28th October (J.N.Murphy).

**Mayo** One: Juvenile, Cross Lough, Belmullet Peninsula, 16th September, photographed (D.Suddaby *et al.*).

## Stilt Sandpiper *Calidris himantopus* (0; 16; 1)

**Donegal** One: Adult, Inch Lake, Inch Island, Lough Swilly, 27th September to 14th October, photographed (T.Campbell *et al.*).

The first record for Donegal, and the first Irish record since an adult seen at several sites in Wexford and on the Swords Estuary, Dublin between 2nd and 13th September 2014 (*Irish Birds* 10: 245).

## Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis* (0; 5; 0)

**2007 Kerry** One: Juvenile, Ventry, 6th and 7th September, photographed (D.Brown, M.Hoit *et al.*).

This is the first record of a juvenile in Ireland, and the first live record for the Western Palearctic, following a first-winter found dead on Fair Isle in August 1994 (Rogers *et al.*, 1995). There are four other Irish records, all involving adult birds; Ballycotton, Cork, 2nd to 5th July 1998 (*Irish Birds* 6: 389 & 9: 465), Ballycotton, 31st July and 1st August 2002 (*Irish Birds* 7: 394), Carne Beach, 27th to 30th August 2007 (*Irish Birds* 8: 594), and Reenroe Beach, Ballinskelligs, 1st to 3rd August 2011 (*Irish Birds* 9: 465).

## Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii* (0; 171; 5)

**Donegal** One: Juvenile, Inch Lake, Inch Island, Lough Swilly, 15th and 16th October, photographed (R.Vaughan *et al.*).

**Mayo** One: Juvenile, Trawmore Beach, Claggan, 15th September (D.Suddaby).



**Plate 31.** American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica*, Omev Strand, Galway, September 2018 (Dermot Breen).

**Wexford** Three: Juvenile, Wellingtonbridge, Bannow Bay, 15th and 16th September (K.Grace *et al.*); Juvenile, Tacumshin Lake and Lady's Island Lake, 21st September (P.Kelly *et al.*); Juvenile, Tacumshin Lake, 10th and 11th November, photographed (P.Kelly).

## White-rumped Sandpiper

*Calidris fuscicollis* (0; 353; 15)

**Cork** One: First-winter, Cape Clear Island, 13th to 19th October, photographed (E.O'Donnell *et al.*).

**Donegal** One: One, Inch Lake, Inch Island, Lough Swilly, 15th and 16th October (R.Vaughan *et al.*).

**Dublin** One: Juvenile, Sandymount Strand, 22nd to 28th October, photographed (D.Coombes, N.Keogh *et al.*).

**Galway** Four: Adult, Inner Mannin Strand, Ballyconneely, 20th September, photographed (D.Breen); Juvenile, Inishbofin, 8th October (A.McGeehan); Two juveniles, Loch Phort Chorrúch, Inishmore, 14th October, photographed (H.Delaney *et al.*), one still present on 20th and 21st October.

**Kerry** One: Juvenile or first-winter, Cashen Estuary, 19th October (D.Farrar).

**Mayo** Two: Juvenile, Leam Lough, Belmullet Peninsula, 20th September (D.Suddaby); Juvenile, Termoncarragh, Belmullet Peninsula, 15th October (D.Suddaby).

**Sligo** One: Adult, Lower Rosses Point, 2nd to 20th August, photographed (P.Keogh).

**Wexford** Four: Adult, Ring Marsh, 26th May, photographed (P.Kelly),

presumed same, Carnsore Point, 28th May (K.Grace); Juvenile, Tacumshin Lake, 12th to 15th October, photographed (P.Kelly *et al.*); A different juvenile and first-winter, Tacumshin Lake, 26th October to 4th November, photographed (P.Kelly *et al.*).

**1998 Dublin** One: Adult, Sandymount Strand, 8th to 10th August (E.Archer, D.Coombes).

## Semipalmated Sandpiper

*Calidris pusilla* (0; 232; 2)

**Cork** One: Juvenile, Ballycotton, 13th October (D.O'Sullivan).

**Wexford** One: Juvenile, Lady's Island Lake, 13th October (P.Kelly).

See also Appendix 5 for corrections to previous reports.

## Long-billed Dowitcher

*Limnodromus scolopaceus* (2; 144; 2)

**Wexford** Two: First-winter, Tacumshin Lake, 4th February to 2nd April, also seen at Lady's Island Lake from 27th February to 11th March, before returning to Tacumshin until 2nd April, photographed (K.Mullarney *et al.*); One, summer plumage, Lady's Island Lake, 3rd May (D.Finnamore, H.Shepherd).

## Red-necked Phalarope

*Phalaropus lobatus* (3; 54; 2)

**Clare** One: Juvenile, Bridges of Ross, 23rd August (M.Boyle, N.Keogh *et al.*).



**Plate 32.** White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis*, Cape Clear Island, Cork, October 2018 (Victor Caschera).

**Wexford** One: Juvenile, White Hole, Tacumshin Lake, 1st to 3rd October, photographed (J.McDonnell *et al.*).

As previously published, the statistics for Red-necked Phalarope are for migrants only and exclude breeding records (*Irish Birds* 10: 246).

### Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*

(1; 50; 1)

**Wexford** One: First-winter, Ferrybank, 9th to 22nd December, photographed (P.Somers *et al.*).

The sixth record for Wexford, with the most recent being a summer plumaged adult at Tacumshin Lake between 11th to 13th May 2012 (*Irish Birds* 9: 592).

### Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* (0; 175; 6)

**Clare** One: First-winter, Drumcliffe, Ballyalia Lake, 24th December (P.Cullinan).

**Cork** One: Juvenile, Rossmore Bay, 11th November (T.Gittings).

**Dublin** Two: Juvenile, Rogerstown, 27th October (L.Feeney), Juvenile, Sandymount Strand, 27th October, photographed (J.de Brito *et al.*).

**Wexford** Two: Juvenile, Tacumshin Lake, 4th to 24th November, photographed (V.Freeman, N.T.Keogh *et al.*); One, Cahore, 18th November, and presumed same, 9th December, photographed (C.Cardiff).

### Bonaparte's Gull

*Chroicocephalus philadelphia* (1; 82; 3)

**Donegal** One: Second-winter, Killybegs, 12th February to 9th March, photographed (R.Bonser *et al.*).

**Sligo** One: Adult, Long Rock, Aghris, 30th August to 3rd October, photographed (S.Feeney *et al.*).

**Waterford** One: Adult, Dunmore East, 4th and 5th October, photographed (M.Duggan, P.M.Walsh *et al.*).

### Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla* (0; 45; 1)

**Donegal** One: First-winter, Moville, 23rd December, photographed (T.Campbell, R.Smith *et al.*).

The second record for Donegal, after a first-summer individual at Bunbeg Harbour on 28th May 2006, and then Dungloe on 7th and 8th June 2006 (*Irish Birds* 8: 403 and 8: 597).

### Kumlien's Gull *Larus glaucooides kumlieni*

(0; 334; 18)

**Cork** Two: Adult, Baltimore Fish Factory, 16th February (J.Wyllie); Adult, Timoleague, 8th March (P.Connaughton).

**Donegal** Two: Adult, Moville, 14th January to 31st March, photographed (M.Callaghan, D.Charles *et al.*), and again, 18th November to 29th December, photographed (D.Charles, J.Higgott), presumed returning bird from December 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 70);



**Plate 33.** Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*, Ferrybank, Wexford, December 2018 (Tom Shevlin).



Second-winter, Killybegs, 11th to 17th February, photographed (R.Bonser *et al.*); Juvenile, Killybegs, 25th February to 6th March (M.Callaghan, D.Charles *et al.*).

**Galway** Three: Adult, Omev Strand, 15th January, photographed (D.Breen), presumed same bird seen in December 2017 (*Irish Birds*: 70); Second calendar-year, Waterside, 2nd March (N.T.Keogh); Adult, Nimmo's Pier, 7th March, photographed (R.Else, H.Watson); Second calendar-year bird, found dead near Truska, Ballyconneely, 17th April, photographed (D.Breen).

**Kerry** Seven: Adult, Ballyheigue, 31st January (D.Farrar), presumed returning bird, also seen Blennerville 7th February and 2nd April (E.Carty) and Tralee Bay Wetlands Centre, 20 December (D.O'Se), photographed; First-winter, Ballybunion, 6th January (D.Farrar); First-winter, Cashen Estuary, 30th January, with two present, 20th February, photographed (D.Farrar), with one remaining until 22nd March; Adult, Dingle Harbour, 10th March, photographed (K.Kelly), two first-winter birds, Dingle Harbour, 25th March, photographed (M.O'Clery *et al.*); First-winter, Cashen Estuary, 31st December (D.Farrar).

**Limerick** One: First-winter, O'Callaghan's Strand, Limerick City, 23rd January to 18th February, photographed (T.Tarpey *et al.*).

**Louth** One: Second-winter, Castletown River, Dundalk, 18th January to 28th March, photographed (G.O'Neill *et al.*).

**Sligo** One: Second-winter, Quay Street, Sligo Town, 6th to 21st January, photographed (M.Bell).

**Wexford** One: First-winter, Rosslare, 24th March, photographed (P.Kelly).

## American Herring Gull

*Larus smithsonianus* (0; 100; 2)

**Clare** One: First-winter, Kilkee, 19th March to 8th April, photographed (N.T.Keogh, B.Power *et al.*).

**Kerry** One: First-winter, Cashen Estuary, 15th February, photographed (D.Farrar).

The Clare record is the second for the county, following a first-winter near Cloghaun Lough, Loop Head on 29th March 2008



**Plate 34.** American Herring Gull *Larus smithsonianus*, Kilkee, Clare, March 2018 (Dermot Breen).

(*Irish Birds* 9: 95). There have been 14 previous records in Kerry, with the most recent being a second-winter at Portmagee on 9th to 25th March 2014 (*Irish Birds* 10: 250).

## Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri* (0; 39; 0)

**Clare** Zero: Adult winter, off Aughinish, 27th March (J.N.Murphy), presumed wintering adult from Co. Galway.

**Galway** Zero: Returning adult winter, Kinvarra, 4th February (J.Creamer, N.Keogh *et al.*), then reported at Mutton Island, Ballyloughane Strand, Traught, Newtownlynch and Doorus, last seen Kinvarra, 20th April (P.Troake), and presumed same, Kinvarra Bay, 10th and 11th November (P.Troake *et al.*).

**Louth** Zero: Adult, Soldier's Point, 9th August to 11th October, photographed (G.O'Neill, P.Phillips *et al.*), presumed returning, also seen in Wexford.

**Wexford** Zero: Adult summer, Tacumshin Lake, 11th May to 7th June, photographed (K.Mullarney *et al.*), presumed same as Louth individual; presumed same, Lady's Island Lake, 7th July (T.Kilbane).



**Plate 35.** Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri*, Soldier's Point, Louth, August 2018 (Petteri Lehikoinen).

## White-winged Tern

*Chlidonias leucopterus* (9; 96; 2)

**Donegal** One: Adult, Inch Lake, Inch Island, Lough Swilly, 10th August, photographed (T.Campbell *et al.*).

**Wexford** One: Adult, Tacumshin Lake, 21st July, photographed (P.Kelly).

## Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura* (0; 2; 1)

**Galway** One: One, Doonloughaun near Ballyconneely, 12th to 16th November, photographed (B.O'Malley *et al.*).

The third record for Ireland, and the second record for Galway, following one on Inishbofin between 2nd and 15th November 2007 (*Irish Birds* 8: 600), and one at Garinish, Cork, on 25th October 2009 (*Irish Birds* 9: 270).



**Plate 36.** Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*, Doonloughaun, Galway, November 2018 (Dermot Breen).

**Snowy Owl** *Bubo scandiacus* (55; 31; 1)

**Galway** Zero: Female, Boliska Eighter, 20th April (P.Troake), presumed returning.

**Clare** One: Male, Gleninagh Mountain, Black Head, The Burren, 22nd to 24th May, photographed (P.Troake).

**Alpine Swift** *Apus melba* (7; 77, 2)

**Cork** One: One, Galley Head, 6th October (M.O'Donovan).

**Wexford** One: One, Greenore Point, 13th October, photographed (A.A.Kelly *et al.*).

**Bee-eater** *Merops apiaster* (21; 43; 2)

**Cork** Two: One, Dursey Island, 29th April (D.Scott); One, between Goleen and Lissagriffin, 31st May (J.Simms).

There have now been 22 Bee-eaters recorded in Cork. The Dursey record is the fourth for the island, with the most recent being one on 19th April 2014 (*Irish Birds* 10.251).

**Wryneck** *Jynx torquilla* (9; 341; 2)

**Cork** Two: One, Cape Clear Island, 29th September (L.Benson, G.Oliver); One, Mizen Head, 13th October, photographed (C.Foley *et al.*).



**Plate 37.** Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus*, Tacumshin Lake, Wexford, May 2018 (Tom Shevlin).

**Red-footed Falcon** *Falco vespertinus* (1; 33; 1)

**Wexford** One: First-year female, White Hole and Lingstown, Tacumshin Lake, 27th to 31st May, photographed (A.G.Kelly, T.Shevlin *et al.*).



**Plate 38.** Hobby *Falco subbuteo*, Tacumshin Lake, Wexford, May 2018 (Tom Shevlin).

### **Hobby** *Falco subbuteo* (14; 384; 12)

**Clare** One: One, Clenagh, 13th August (K.Finch).

**Cork** Two: One, Ballycotton cliffs, 11th August (J.Lynch); One, Galley Head, 6th October (M.O'Donovan).

**Dublin** Two: One, in flight, Lusk, 3rd July (N.T.Keogh); One, Turvey, 16th September (A.Prole *et al.*).

**Galway** One: First-summer, Cleggan Head, 26th May (D.Breen).

**Wexford** Five: One, South Slob, 5th May (K.Grace); First-summer, Rathangan, 26th May, photographed (J.Lambert Jr); First-summer, White Hole and Lingstown, Tacumshin Lake, 26th to 31st May, photographed (A.G.Kelly, P.Kelly *et al.*), and presumed same, South Slob, 1st to 3rd June, photographed (P.Kelly *et al.*); One, Oldtown, Tomhaggard, 8th June (K.Grace); One, Oylegate, 26th July (T.Murray).

**Wicklow** One: One, Five Mile Point, 26th April (C.Cardiff).

### **Gyrfalcon** *Falco rusticolus* (87; 42; 1)

**Mayo** One: First-winter, white morph, Annagh Head, 20th and 21st February, photographed (D.Suddaby *et al.*).

### **Red-backed Shrike** *Lanius collurio*

(7; 185; 3)

**Cork** One: Female, Cape Clear Island, 19th May (P.Connaughton).

**Galway** One: First-winter, Seven Churches, Inishmore, 24th October, photographed (J.Proudfoot).

**Waterford** One: Male, Brownstown Head, 12th and 13th May, photographed (P.Archer *et al.*).

The Galway record is the fourth for the county, with the most recent sighting involving a first-year bird on Inishbofin on 26th September to 1st October 2005 (*Irish Birds* 8: 390). The Waterford record is also the fourth for the county, with the most recent record also at Brownstown Head from 12th to 16th September 2015 (*Irish Birds* 10: 414). There have now been 122 Red-backed Shrikes recorded in Cork.

### **Woodchat Shrike** *Lanius senator* (2; 109; 0)

**2013 Cork** One: Adult male, Pilmore Strand, 20th May (P.Smiddy).

### **Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus* (0; 67; 3)

**Cork** Two: One, Lehanemore, Beara Peninsula, 22nd October (K.Grace *et al.*); One, Toor Pier, Mizen Head, 23rd October (D.Ballard *et al.*).

**Galway** One: First-winter, Kilmurvey Wood, Inishmore, 18th to 22nd October, photographed (N.T.Keogh *et al.*).

There have now been 35 Red-eyed Vireos recorded in Cork, and seven in Galway.

### **Golden Oriole** *Oriolus oriolus* (62; 158; 1)

**Wexford** One: Male, near Crossfintan Point, Churchtown, 26th April, photographed (C.Foley, D.Foley *et al.*).

### **Short-toed Lark**

*Calandrella brachydactyla* (1; 81; 1)

**Wexford** One: One, Great Saltee Island, 2nd and 3rd June, photographed (K.Grace *et al.*).

### **Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis daurica*

(0; 55; 2)

**Cork** One: One, Middleton, 10th May (P.Moore).

**Wexford** One: One, Greenore Point, 28th April, photographed (A.A.Kelly, P.Kelly).

### **Siberian Chiffchaff**

*Phylloscopus collybita tristis* (2; 150; 25)

**Cork** Nine: One, Ballycotton, 6th January (R.McLaughlin); One, Owenacurra, Middleton, 4th March (B.Power); One, Kennedy Quay, Cork Harbour, 4th to 28th March, photographed (B.Power); Two, Cape Clear Island, 11th October (D.Charles); One, Mizen Head, 12th and 13th October (C.Cardiff, J.Cusack *et al.*); One, Baltimore, 14th October (J.Wyllie); One, Mizen Head, 31st October (E.Larrissey); One, Mizen Head, 5th November (D.Ballard).

**Dublin** One: One, Inchicore Works filter beds, 15th to 26th January (P.Kelly).

**Galway** Two: One, Inishbofin, 25th October (A.McGeehan); One, Inishbofin, 5th to 8th November (A.McGeehan).

**Kerry** One: Two, Ross Castle, Killarney, 13th January, photographed (D.Farrar *et al.*) remained from December 2017 (*Irish Birds*: 74); One, Ross Castle, Killarney, 12th December (D.Farrar).

**Kildare** One: One, Ardlough, 21st March (P.Kelly).

**Limerick** One: One, King's Island, Limerick City, 4th February, photographed (T.Tarpey).

**Mayo** Three: One, Tarmon, Mullet Peninsula, 21st October (D.Suddaby); One, Tarmon, Mullet Peninsula, 27th and 28th October (D.Suddaby); One, Annagh, Mullet Peninsula, 25th November (D.Suddaby).

**Waterford** One: One, Tramore Pier, 28th January (E.MacLochlainn).

**Wexford** Six: One, Tacumshin Lake, 7th January, remained from December 2017 (*Irish Birds*: 74), two on 14th and 20th January, with one from 28th January to 4th February, photographed (P.Kelly *et al.*); One, Carne, 14th October (B.Power); Two, Lingstown, Tacumshin Lake,





**Plate 39.** Siberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita tristis*, Tacumshin Lake, Wexford, November 2018 (Victor Caschera).

25th October to 8th November, photographed, (K.Mullarney *et al.*), with one bird remaining until 18th November; One, Rosslare Memorial Park, 16th to 30th November, photographed (A.A.Kelly, P.Kelly *et al.*); One, Cahore, 18th November to 29th December (C.Cardiff).

**Green Warbler** *Phylloscopus nitidus* / **Greenish Warbler** *P. trochiloides*

**2017 At Sea** Zero: One, 149 nautical miles south-southwest of Ireland, 13th June, photographed (N.T.Keogh, A.Weiczorek).

**Greenish Warbler**

*Phylloscopus trochiloides* (0; 41; 2)

**Cork** One: One, Ballinacarraige, Beara Peninsula, 11th October (K.Grace).

**Wexford** One: One, Great Saltee Island, 2nd June, photographed (A.McMillan, T.Shevlin *et al.*).

**Blyth's Reed Warbler**

*Acrocephalus dumetorum* (0; 14; 2)

**Cork** One: First-winter, Holy Ground, Knockadoon Head, 7th and 8th November, photographed (H.Hussey *et al.*).

**Donegal** One: One, Tory Island, 6th October, photographed (A.Meenan).

**2015 Cork** One: One, Cape Clear Island, 14th to 16th October (A.Culley).

The Cork record is the eighth for the county. The Donegal record is the second for the county, following one on Tory Island on 8th October 2012 (*Irish Birds* 9: 602).



**Plate 40.** Green Warbler *Phylloscopus nitidus* / Greenish Warbler *P. trochiloides*, At sea, 149 nm SSW of Cape Clear Island, Cork, June 2018 (Alina Wieczorek).



**Plate 41.** Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum*, Knockadoon Head, Cork, November 2018 (Ciarán Cronin).



**Plate 42.** Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina*, Cape Clear Island, Cork, September 2018 (Brian McCloskey).



**Plate 43.** Booted Warbler *Iduna caligata*, Bolus Head, Kerry, October 2018 (Michael O'Clery).



**Booted Warbler** *Iduna caligata* (0; 6; 1)

**Kerry** One: First calendar-year, Bolus Head, 21st to 24th October, photographed (P.MacDaid, C.Nelms *et al.*).

The seventh Irish record and the first for Kerry, and one which surely puts Bolus Head on the Irish rarity map.

**Melodious Warbler** *Hippolais polyglotta* (2; 211; 4)

**Cork** Two: One, Mizen Road, Mizen Head, 12th September (D.Ballard); One, Dursey Island, 12th October (N.Linehan *et al.*).

**Galway** One: One, Trident Garden, Slyne Head, 13th to 20th October, photographed (D.Breen *et al.*).

**Wexford** One: One, Hook Head, 3rd September (K.Grace).

**Icterine Warbler** *Hippolais icterina* (2; 222; 1)

**Cork** One: One, Cape Clear Island, 26th and 27th September, photographed (C.O'Sullivan (C.O'Sullivan *et al.*)).

**Barred Warbler** *Sylvia nisoria* (6; 212; 3)

**Cork** Two: First-winter, Ballinacarraige, Beara Peninsula, 6th October (K.Grace); One, unaged, Mizen Head, 5th November (D.Ballard).

**Waterford** One: First-winter, Helvick Head, 12th October (A.O'Brien). See also Appendix 5 for corrections to previous reports.

**Subalpine Warbler** *Sylvia cantillans* (2; 54; 2)

**Cork** Two: Male, in song, Mizen Head, 30th April (C.O'Sullivan); Adult male, Cape Clear Island, 11th to 15th October, photographed, sound recorded, DNA sample taken (D.Charles *et al.*).

DNA, plumage and calls all support the male on Cape Clear Island being either *iberiae* or *inornata*.



**Plate 44.** Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans*, Cape Clear Island, Cork, October 2018 (Tom Shevlin).



**Plate 45.** Eastern Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans albistriata*, Tory Island, Donegal, May 2018 (Brian McCloskey)



## Eastern Subalpine Warbler

*Sylvia cantillans albistriata* (0; 1; 1)

**Donegal** One: Second calendar-year female *cantillans/albistriata*, Tory Island, 18th May, photographed (B.McCloskey, G.Murray *et al.*). The second Irish record following a male at Tarmon, Mullet Peninsula, Mayo on 3rd May 2007 (*Irish Birds* 10: 253).

## Rosy Starling *Pastor roseus* (41; 112; 22)

**Cork** Six: Adult, Carrigaline, 17th June, photographed (S.Bayley); Adult, Cape Clear Island, 19th June, photographed (M.Cadogan), Adult, Red Strand, 28th June, photographed (C.O'Sullivan *et al.*); Juvenile, Old Head of Kinsale, 20th and 21st October, photographed (M.O'Donovan *et al.*); Juvenile, Dursey Island, 21st October (K.Grace); Juvenile, Galley Head, 23rd October (K.Preston).

**Donegal** Three: Adult and second calendar-year, Sheskinmore Nature Reserve, 10th June, photographed (C.Ingram, N.Lloyd *et al.*); Adult, Dungloe, 1st August, photographed (Pr.Brennan).

**Galway** One: Adult, Bunowen Pier, Ballyconneely, 25th to 27th June, photographed (B.Roberts *et al.*).

**Kerry** Four: Adult, Mitchell's Avenue, Tralee, 6th to 19th June, joined by second adult from 16th to 19th June, with one bird remaining to 27th June, photographed (G.Scollard *et al.*); Adult, Ventry, 9th June (E.Carty); Adult, Glenderry National School, Ballyheigue, photographed (G.Hunt *et al.*).

**Mayo** One: Adult, Doonagh, Achill Island, 15th to 20th August, photographed (E.Gielly).

**Sligo** One: Adult, Ferndale, Cartron, 9th to 11th July, photographed (D.Douglas, S.Feeney).

**Waterford** Two: Adult, Ardmore, 4th June, photographed (per E.MacLochlainn); Second calendar-year, Dungarvan, 21st June, photographed (F.Lloyd).

**Wexford** Four: Two adults, location withheld, 30th May, photographed (per [www.irishbirding.com](http://www.irishbirding.com)); Adult, Carnsore, 3rd to 7th June

(V.Caschera *et al.*); Juvenile, Crossfintan Point, Carne, 30th September, photographed (S.Farrell *et al.*).

The Waterford records are the third and fourth for the county.

## Veery *Catharus fuscescens* (0; 0; 1)

**Cork** One: First-winter, Cape Clear Island, 17th and 18th October, photographed (M.Cadogan *et al.*).

The first record for Ireland. Initially identified from photographs on the afternoon of the 17th, news of its rediscovery early on the 18th was gladly received by the numerous birders who had travelled for the first boat that day. The bird was very approachable and well photographed as it travelled about between the North Harbour and the Waist, before it disappeared late in the afternoon.

## Grey-cheeked Thrush *Catharus minimus* (0; 13; 0)

**2007 Cork** One: One, Cape Clear Island, 15th October (P.Phillips, M.Stewart).

Previously accepted as *Catbarus* species.

## Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus* (0; 7; 1)

**Cork** One: First-winter, Priest's Garden, Cape Clear Island, 17th October, photographed (E.O'Donnell *et al.*).

The fourth record for Cape Clear Island, and the sixth for Cork.

## Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica* (0; 44; 1)

**Louth** One: Adult red-spotted male, Gyles Quay, Louth, 12th May (C.Burns).

The first record for the county, and the first Irish record since a first-winter female at Loop Head on 6th October 2015 (*Irish Birds* 10: 420).



**Plate 46.** Rosy Starling *Pastor roseus*, Tralee, Kerry, June 2018 (Richard Mills).



**Plate 47.** Rosy Starling *Pastor roseus*, Churchtown, Wexford, September 2018 (Tom Shevlin).



**Plate 48.** Veery *Catharus fuscescens*, Cape Clear Island, Cork, October 2018 (Victor Caschera).



**Plate 49.** Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus*, Cape Clear Island, Cork, October 2018 (Tom Shevlin).





**Plate 50.** Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla*, Galley Head, Cork, October 2018 (Ciarán Cronin).

**Taiga Flycatcher** *Ficedula albicilla* (0; 0; 1)

**Cork** One: First-winter, Galley Head, 21st to 25th October, photographed and call recorded (C.Barton, C.Cronin *et al.*).

The first record for Ireland. Found late in the afternoon on the 21st by CB, the bird gave only very brief views and was (wrongly) assumed to be a Red-breasted Flycatcher *Ficedula parva*. It remained very skulking on 22nd, and then was joined by a stunning male Red-breasted Flycatcher on 23rd, which was quite a distraction. Initial photographs of the bird raised the possibility of it being a Taiga Flycatcher with some birders however, it wasn't until late evening on 24th when CC looked at photographs he had taken that day, that he became more convinced. Opinions from further afield were in favour of Taiga Flycatcher, and luckily the bird was still present on 25th, when it finally showed well to many observers, allowing the key features to be seen in the field, and also for the call to be recorded. A steep learning curve for the finders!

**Citrine Wagtail** *Motacilla citreola* (0; 33; 1)

**Donegal** One: First-winter, Arranmore, 23rd September, photographed (J.O'Neill).

The third record for Donegal following a first-winter on Arranmore Island on 4th October 1993 (*Irish Birds* 5: 225) and a first-winter at Malinmore between 24th and 27th September 2002 (*Irish Birds* 7: 406).

**Blue-headed Wagtail**

*Motacilla flava flava* (0, 78, 1)

**Cork** One: One, Mizen Head, 28th April (D.Ballard).



**Plate 51.** Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla*, Galley Head, Cork, October 2018 (Brian McCloskey).

**Water Pipit** *Anthus spinoletta* (1; 180; 8)

**Cork** Zero: One, Pilmore Strand, 14th February (J.Proudfoot) remained to 18th March, presumed same individual recorded in November 2017 (*Irish Birds*: 78).

**Louth** One: One, Lurgangreen, 21st to 23rd January (E.Flynn).

**Sligo** One: One, Browstown, 15th November (S.Feeney).

**Waterford** One: One, Calliso Bay, 12th to 19th December, photographed (A.Malcolm *et al.*).

**Wexford** Five: One, Ring Marsh, 11th March, photographed (P.Kelly); One, Cahore, 19th October to 3rd November (C.Cardiff), One, Tacumshin Lake, 26th October to 24th November, with two present, 18th November (K.Grace, P.Kelly *et al.*); One, The Cull, 17th November (K.Grace).

See also Appendix 5 for corrections to previous reports.

**Scandinavian Rock Pipit**

*Anthus petrosus littoralis* (0; 143; 15)

**Clare** Three: One, Rine, Ballyvaughan, 29th March (P.Troake); Two, Clahane, 4th March, with one there between 11th and 30th March (J.N.Murphy *et al.*).

**Cork** Four: One, Pallas Pier, Ardgroom, 8th February (F.Moore); Two, Ballynamona, Ballycotton, 24th and 25th March (R.McLaughlin *et al.*); One, Ring Strand, 25th March (D.O'Sullivan).

**Galway** One: One, Claddagh Beach, 21st February, photographed (N.T.Keogh).

**Kerry** Five: One, Scraggane, 15th March (M.O'Clery); One, Castlegregory, 15th April (E.Carty); One, Lough Naparka, 17th April (M.O'Clery); Two, Rough Point, 17th to 30th April, photographed (M.O'Clery).

**Wexford** One: One, Greenore Point, 7th April (A.A.Kelly).

**Wicklow** One: One, East Coast Nature Reserve, 12th March (C.Cardiff).





**Plate 52.** Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*, Aughrusbeg, Cleggan, Galway, October 2018 (Dermot Breen).



**Plate 53.** Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*, Great Saltee Island, Wexford, May 2018 (Tom Shevlin).

### Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi* (2; 128; 7)

**Cork** Four: One, Galley Head, 15th October (C.Barton); Two, Cape Clear Island, 21st October, with one still present, 22nd October, photographed (V.Caschera, J.Lynch *et al.*); One, Knockadoon Head, 21st November (P.Moore).

**Galway** One: One, Aughrusbeg, Cleggan, 16th to 18th October, photographed (D.Breen, C.Clotworthy *et al.*).

**Waterford** One: One, Coolum Valley, Brownstown Head, 17th to 23rd October (A.Allen *et al.*).

**Wexford** One: One, Lingstown and The Patches, Tacumshin Lake, 4th to 11th November (N.Keogh, K.Mullarney *et al.*).

### Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris* (0; 41; 1)

**Wexford** One: One, Great Saltee Island, 25th and 26th May, photographed (J.F.Dowdall *et al.*).

The 19th record for Wexford and the 13th record for Great Saltee Island, with the most recent one recorded on 21st April 2011 (*Irish Birds* 9:485).

### Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* (Unknown; 273; 30)

**Cork** Five: One, Mizen Head, 17th April (D.Ballard); One, Schull, 3rd May (D.Ballard); One, Cape Clear Island, 7th May (M.Boyle); One, Dursey Island, 30th May (D.Scott); One, Cape Clear Island, 25th October (C.Kennington, D.Lindo).

**Dublin** One: One, flyover, Kilbogget Park, Cabinteely, 30th May (N.T.Keogh).

**Galway** Three: Female, Lydacan Turlough, 5th February, photographed (P.Troake); One, Rahasane Turlough, 10th April (P.Troake); Male, Inishmore, 2nd to 4th May, photographed (S.Flaherty).

**Laois** One: One, Fossy Hill, Timahoe, 24th March, photographed (B.Porter).

**Limerick** 10: 15 to 20, Curraghchase Forest Park, 2nd January (D.O'Connor), were presumed same flock reported in December 2017 (*Irish Birds*: 79), with 18 on 7th January (J.Hayes), and 25 on 27th January (T.Campbell, C.Ingram); One, Curraghchase Forest Park, 10th November to 10th December (G.Hunt, J.N.Murphy).

**Wexford** Eight: One, Wells House Demesne, Ballyedmond, 26th to 28th January (K.Grace *et al.*); One, flyover, Great Saltee Island, 6th May (J.F.Dowdall, K.Grace *et al.*); One, Great Saltee Island, 12th May (J.F.Dowdall, K.Grace *et al.*); Three, Great Saltee Island, 18th May (K.Grace *et al.*); One, Great Saltee Island, 25th May (J.F.Dowdall); Female, Bannow, 26th May, photographed (G.Deering).

**Wicklow** Two: Male, Druids Glen, 17th January, photographed (B.Keeley); One, flyover, Richmond Park, Bray, 25th February (S.King).

### Common Rosefinch *Erythrina erythrina* (0; 245; 7)

**Cork** Seven: Female or juvenile, Cape Clear Island, 18th September (S.Wing); Juvenile, Dursey Sound, 29th September, photographed (F.Moore); Juvenile, Crookhaven, 5th to 8th October, photographed (N.Linehan *et al.*); One, Cape Clear Island, 7th October (J.F.Dowdall *et al.*); Juvenile, Garinish, 8th October (K.Grace); Juvenile, Toor Pier, Mizen Head, 10th October (C.Foley, D.Foley *et al.*); Juvenile, Cape Clear Island, 11th October, photographed (J.Hayes *et al.*).

### Mealy Redpoll

*Acanthis flammea flammea* (21; 102; 2)

**Meath** Two: One, Ardcath, 12th to 16th March, photographed, accepted as Common Redpoll *flammea* (A.A.Kelly, P.Kelly); One, Ardcath, 6th to 12th April, photographed, accepted as Common Redpoll *flammea* (A.A.Kelly, P.Kelly).



Plate 54. Scarlet Tanager *Piranga olivacea*, Cape Clear Island, Cork, October 2018 (Victor Caschera).

### **Blackpoll Warbler** *Setophaga striata*

(0; 11; 1)

**Galway** One: First-winter, Inishbofin, 7th and 8th October, photographed (A.McGeehan *et al.*).

The 12th record for Ireland, and the third for Galway, following one on Inishmore, Aran Islands on 6th to 10th October 2000 (*Irish Birds* 7: 107), and a first-winter on Inishbofin on 25th September 2013 (*Irish Birds* 10: 99).

### **Little Bunting** *Emberiza pusilla* (3; 52; 4)

**Clare** One: One, Loop Head, 16th October (J.N.Murphy).

**Cork** Two: One, Dursey Island, 15th October (L.Benson, K.Grace); One, Ballinacarraige, 30th October, photographed (G.Noonan, M.Noonan *et al.*).

**Donegal** One: One, Malinbeg, 19th and 20th October, photographed (R.Vaughan *et al.*).

### **Scarlet Tanager** *Piranga olivacea* (0; 5; 1)

**Cork** One: First-winter male, Cape Clear Island, 16th to 21st October, photographed (V.Caschera *et al.*).

The first record for Cape Clear Island, and the fifth record for Cork, following a first-winter on Mizen Head from 3rd to 6th October 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 81).

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## **Appendix 1: Category D records**

### **Category D1 records**

Species that would otherwise appear in Categories A or B, except there is a reasonable doubt that they have ever occurred in a natural state.

### **Canada Goose** *Branta Canadensis*

(0; 42; 0)

**Wexford** Zero: Two, of unknown origin, Tacumshin Lake, 20th May, photographed (P.Kelly, G.O'Sullivan).

### **Ruddy Shelduck** *Tadorna ferruginea*

(75; 0; 0)

**Dublin** Zero: Male, North Bull Island, 20th May to 16th June, photographed (P.Banducci, P.Lynch *et al.*).

**Wexford** Zero: First-winter male, Bannow Island, 1st January (K.Grace), remained from December 2017 (*Irish Birds*: 82).

### **Hooded Merganser**

*Lophodytes cacullatus* (3; 3; 0)

**Galway** Zero: Adult male, Inner Streamstown Bay near Clifden, 25th September to 6th October, photographed, metal ring noted on the right tarsus (code not read), (D.Breen *et al.*).

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## Appendix 3: List of records not proven

This list includes all records of taxa set out in *Irish Birds* 7: 416-418 (and subsequent updates online at [www.irbc.ie/records/desclist.php](http://www.irbc.ie/records/desclist.php) and [www.irbc.ie/records/desclist1.php](http://www.irbc.ie/records/desclist1.php)) which, after circulation to the Irish Rare Birds Committee were considered to be not proven. Records of birds not attributed to any definite species by the observers are not included, nor are birds considered to have been escapes from captivity.

### 2018 records not proven

**Black-browed Albatross** *Thalassarche melanopbris*  
Great Saltee Island, Wexford, 1st May.

## Appendix 4: List of anonymous records not accepted

The following reports concern Appendix 2 rarities that were entered in the Provisional List of Rare Bird Sightings during 2018 but where the observers have to date remained unknown. Some or all of these reports may yet qualify for publication in a future IRBR, should the observers become known to the IRBC and be prepared to validate the report.

**Wilson's Storm-petrel** *Oceanites oceanicus*  
One, Fastnet Rock, Cork, 6th August.

**Crane** *Grus grus*  
Two, Annagassan, Louth, 28th October.

**Snowy Owl** *Bubo scandiuis*  
One, Barna, Galway, January.

**Rose-coloured Starling** *Pastor roseus*  
One, Caheranne, Tralee, June.

## Appendix 5: Corrigenda to previous reports

**Ruddy Shelduck** *Tadorna ferruginea* - In the Irish Rare Bird Report 2017, the record of the first year female, Tacumshin Lake, 17th May to 6th June (*Irish Birding* 11: 82) should read as follows: Adult female, Tacumshin Lake, 17th May to 6th June, photographed (K.Mullarney *et al.*), also recorded at Cahore, 20th to 22nd May (C.Cardiff, T.Cardiff *et al.*).



**White-billed Diver** *Gavia adamsii* - Incorrect statistics were given in the Irish Rare Bird Report 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 60). The text (0; 19; 1) should be replaced with (0; 21; 1).

**Black Stork** *Ciconia nigra* - In the commentary for this species in the Irish Rare Bird Report 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 60) the location of the first Irish record was erroneously given as Phoenix Park; this should read Foxrock.

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* - In the Irish Rare Bird Report 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 62), the At Sea record should actually be in Cork as it is in inshore waters; the Cork account should therefore read Cork 17: (not 16 as published). In addition, the total for new sightings in Wexford should read Wexford 17: (not 16 as published). As a result, the overall statistics should be replaced with (0, 305, 58).

**American Golden Plover** *Pluvialis dominica* - In the Irish Rare Bird Report 2016, the record of two, Cashen Estuary, 7th October, photographed (*Irish Birds* 10: 553) should read as follows: "Two juveniles, Cashen Estuary, 7th October 2016, photographed (D.Farrar), with one still present on 14th October." In addition, incorrect statistics were given in the Irish Rare Bird Report 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 65). The text (1; 297; 18) should be replaced with (1; 307; 18).

**Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus* - In the Irish Rare Bird Report 2016, the record of the Adult summer, Tacumshin Lake, 26th July (*Irish Birding* 10: 554) should read as follows: "Adult male, Tacumshin Lake, 26th July (P.Lonergan, K.Mullarney), photograph *Birdwatch* 291: 13." The subsequent explanatory text should read "With only two prior records (2003 and 2011), four records in 2016 is exceptional. The July sighting at Tacumshin Lake was the first adult, with the remaining records to date involving four juvenile birds in October, and the first-summer bird at Tacumshin Lake in May and June 2016."

**Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis* - Incorrect statistics were given in the Irish Rare Bird Report 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 67). The text (0; 4; 1) should be replaced with (0; 5; 1).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** *Calidris pusilla* - It is now considered that the Adult winter at Tacumshin Lake 18 to 28th November 2016 is the same bird as that found there 29th September 2016 (*Irish Birds* 10: 557). The text for sightings in Wexford in the Irish Rare Bird Report 2016 (*Irish Birds* 10: 557) should therefore read as follows: "Wexford Seven: Juvenile, Bannow Island, Bannow Bay, 12th September, photographed (T.Murray); Four juveniles, Tacumshin Lake, 17th September to 25th October, photographed (K.Grace,

K.Mullarney, M.Stewart *et al.*), comprising, two juveniles, 17th September (K.Grace, M.Stewart), a new juvenile, 20th September (K.Mullarney), and, another new juvenile, 22nd September (K.Mullarney), at least two of these remained until 14th October, and, the bird found 20th September was still present on 25th October; Adult, Tacumshin Lake, 29th September to 28th November, photographed (S.King, K.Mullarney *et al.*), photograph *Birdwatch* 295: 16; Juvenile, Rosslare Back Strand, 1st October, photographed (P.Kelly)." In addition, the statistics given in the Irish Rare Bird Report 2016 (*Irish Birds* 10: 556) need to be amended, and the text (0; 195; 27), should be replaced with (0; 195; 26). Correspondingly, incorrect statistics were also presented in the Irish Rare Bird Report 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 69). The text (0; 222; 11), should be replaced with (0; 221; 11).

**Dusky Warbler** *Phylloscopus fuscatus* - In the commentary for this species in the Irish Rare Bird Report 2016 (*Irish Birds* 10: 569) it is stated that "Eight of the 12 records have occurred in Cork"; in fact the Cork total is nine.

**Barred Warbler** *Sylvia nisoria* - Incorrect statistics were given in the Irish Rare Bird Report 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 76). The text (6; 209; 5) should be replaced with (6; 207; 5).

**Water Pipit** *Anthus spinoletta* - In the Irish Rare Bird Report 2017 (*Irish Birds* 11: 79), the total for new sightings in Wicklow should read Wicklow Three: (not Four as published). As a result, the overall statistics should be replaced with (1; 167; 13).

**Philadelphia Vireo** *Vireo philadelphicus* - Following submission of additional information, the first date has been revised to 6th October 1985 (A.Duggan), however the bird was only identified on 12th October (J.F.Dowdall *et al.*).

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## Abbreviations used

- BOU: British Ornithologists' Union.  
IOC: International Ornithological Congress.