

SYSTEMATIC CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF FAIR ISLE

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The table below is a checklist of the birds of Fair Isle at the end of 2016. All decisions follow those of the BBRC and BOURC (although note that the totals include all 2016 records, which may remain subject to ratification by the relevant committee), with the main list comprising all species on the Categories A–C, with those species on Categories D (uncertain origin) and E (presumed escapes), along with one extinct species included at the end of the list for completeness.

With the addition of Little Egret, Black-browed Albatross and Siberian Accentor, the Fair Isle list stands at 388 at the end of 2016.

Status Categories:

Vagrant	V (no. of records)	ten records or less in the past 20 years
Rare	R (no. of records)	11–40 records in the past 20 years
Scarce	S	averaging 10 records or less per annum
Regular Migrant	RM	averaging 11–40 records per annum
Frequent Migrant	FM	averaging 41–500 records per annum
Common Migrant	CM	averaging more than 500 records per annum

Breeding Categories:

Small Numbers	BS	on average less than 100 pairs per annum
Moderate Numbers	BM	on average 101–1,000 pairs per annum
Large Numbers	BL	on average more than 1,000 pairs per annum

No.	Species	Status	(individuals)	No.	Species	Status	(individuals)
1	Mute Swan	V	(13)	29	King Eider	V	(17)
2	Bewick's Swan	V	(17)	30	Steller's Eider	V	(1)
3	Whooper Swan	FM		31	Harlequin Duck	V	(2)
4	Bean Goose	R	(c215)	32	Long-tailed Duck	RM	
5	Pink-footed Goose	CM		33	Common Scoter	RM	
6	White-fronted Goose	S		34	Surf Scoter	V	(2)
7	Greylag Goose	CM		35	Velvet Scoter	R	(180)
8	Greater Canada Goose	R	(79)	36	Goldeneye	RM	
9	Barnacle Goose	FM		37	Smew	V	(7)
10	Brent Goose	R	(c244)	38	Red-breasted Merganser	RM	
11	Shelduck	S		39	Goosander	R	
12	Mandarin Duck	V	(2)	40	Quail	S	
13	Wigeon	FM		41	Red-throated Diver	RM	
14	American Wigeon	V	(1)	42	Black-throated Diver	V	(7)
15	Gadwall	R	(82)	43	Great Northern Diver	S	
16	Teal	FM		44	White-billed Diver	V	(4)
17	Green-winged Teal	V	(3)	45	Black-browed Albatross	V	(1)
18	Mallard	RM BS		46	Fulmar	CM BL	
19	Black Duck	V	(1)	47	Cory's Shearwater	V	(3)
20	Pintail	S		48	Great Shearwater	V	(16)
21	Garganey	V	(23)	49	Sooty Shearwater	RM	
22	Shoveler	S		50	Manx Shearwater	S	
23	Pochard	R		51	Storm Petrel	CM BS	
24	Ring-necked Duck	V	(2)	52	Leach's Petrel	SM	
25	Tufted Duck	RM		53	Swinhoe's Petrel	V	(2)
26	Scaup	S		54	Gannet	CM BL	
27	Lesser Scaup	V	(1)	55	Cormorant	RM	
28	Eider	FM BS		56	Shag	CM BL	

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57	Little Bittern	V	(1)	115	Ruff	RM	
58	Night-heron	V	(2)	116	Curlew Sandpiper	R	
59	Little Egret	V	(2)	117	Red-necked Stint	V	(1)
60	Great White Egret	V	(1)	118	Temminck's Stint	V	(19)
61	Grey Heron	FM		119	Sanderling	FM	
62	Purple Heron	V	(3)	120	Dunlin	FM	
63	White Stork	V	(4)	121	Purple Sandpiper	FM	
64	Glossy Ibis	V	(6)	122	Baird's Sandpiper	V	(4)
65	Little Grebe	R	(41)	123	Little Stint	S	
66	Great Crested Grebe	V	(14)	124	White-rumped Sandpiper	V	(5)
67	Red-necked Grebe	V	(22)	125	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	V	(16)
68	Slavonian Grebe	S		126	Pectoral Sandpiper	R	(34)
69	Honey-buzzard	R	(59)	127	Semipalmated Sandpiper	V	(3)
70	Black Kite	V	(1)	128	Red-necked Phalarope	V	(25)
71	Red Kite	V	(8)	129	Grey Phalarope	R	(50)
72	White-tailed Eagle	V	(14)	130	Terek Sandpiper	V	(1)
73	Marsh Harrier	R	(50)	131	Common Sandpiper	FM	
74	Hen Harrier	S		132	Spotted Sandpiper	V	(1)
75	Pallid Harrier	V	(5)	133	Green Sandpiper	RM	
76	Montagu's Harrier	V	(3)	134	Solitary Sandpiper	V	(1)
77	Goshawk	V	(6)	135	Spotted Redshank	R	
78	Sparrowhawk	RM		136	Greenshank	RM	
79	Buzzard	R		137	Lesser Yellowlegs	V	(3)
80	Rough-legged Buzzard	V	(49)	138	Wood Sandpiper	S	
81	Golden Eagle	V	(1)	139	Redshank	CM	
82	Osprey	S	(131)	140	Jack Snipe	FM	
83	Water Rail	RM		141	Long-billed Dowitcher	V	(2)
84	Spotted Crake	R	(51)	142	Woodcock	FM	
85	Little Crake	V	(1)	143	Snipe	CM BS	
86	Baillon's Crake	V	(2)	144	Great Snipe	R	(46)
87	Corncrake	S		145	Collared Pratincole	V	(1)
88	Moorhen	S		146	Black-winged Pratincole	V	(1)
89	Coot	R	(93)	147	Pomarine Skua	R	(123)
90	Crane	R	(39)	148	Arctic Skua	FM BS	
91	Sandhill Crane	V	(1)	149	Long-tailed Skua	R	(108)
92	Little Bustard	V	(1)	150	Great Skua	FM BM	
93	Great Bustard	V	(1)	151	Puffin	CM BL	
94	Stone-curlew	V	(8)	152	Black Guillemot	FM BL	
95	Avocet	V	(1)	153	Razorbill	CM BL	
96	Oystercatcher	FM BS		154	Little Auk	RM	
97	Grey Plover	R		155	Guillemot	CM BL	
98	Golden Plover	FM		156	Brünnich's Guillemot	V	(1)
99	American Golden Plover	V	(11)	157	Bridled Tern	V	(1)
100	Pacific Golden Plover	V	(2)	158	Gull-billed Tern	V	(1)
101	Dotterel	S		159	Caspian Tern	V	(2)
102	Ringed Plover	FM BS		160	Black Tern	V	(2)
103	Little Ringed Plover	V	(5)	161	White-winged Black Tern	V	(3)
104	Lapwing	FM BS		162	Sandwich Tern	S	
105	Caspian Plover	V	(1)	163	Common Tern	RM	
106	Kentish Plover	V	(1)	164	Roseate Tern	V	(5)
107	Upland Sandpiper	V	(2)	165	Arctic Tern	FM BM	
108	Hudsonian Whimbrel	V	(2)	166	Ivory Gull	V	(2)
109	Whimbrel	FM		167	Sabine's Gull	V	(7)
110	Curlew	FM BS		168	Kittiwake	CM BM	
111	Black-tailed Godwit	S		169	Black-headed Gull	FM	
112	Bar-tailed Godwit	S		170	Little Gull	R	(32)
113	Turnstone	CM		171	Laughing Gull	V	(2)
114	Knot	RM		172	Mediterranean Gull	V	(2)

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173	Common Gull	CM BS		231	Coal Tit	V	(7)
174	Ring-billed Gull	V	(4)	232	Woodlark	V	(56)
175	Lesser Black-backed Gull	FM BS		233	Skylark	CM BS	
176	Herring Gull	CM BS		234	Crested Lark	V	(1)
177	Iceland Gull	S		235	Shore Lark	R	
178	Glaucous Gull	RM		236	Short-toed Lark	S	(179)
179	Great Black-backed Gull	CM BS		237	Bimaculated Lark	V	(1)
180	Pallas's Sandgrouse	V	(40)	238	Calandra Lark	V	(6)
181	Rock Dove	FM BS		239	Sand Martin	RM	
182	Stock Dove	S		240	Swallow	FM	
183	Woodpigeon	FM		241	House Martin	FM	
184	Collared Dove	FM		242	Red-rumped Swallow	V	(10)
185	Turtle Dove	S		243	Greenish Warbler	R	(54)
186	Rufous Turtle Dove	V	(1)	244	Arctic Warbler	R	(91)
187	Cuckoo	SM		245	Pallas's Warbler	V	(40)
188	Barn Owl	V	(6)	246	Yellow-browed Warbler	RM	
189	Scops Owl	V	(2)	247	Hume's Warbler	V	(3)
190	Snowy Owl	V	(24)	248	Radde's Warbler	V	(8)
191	Long-eared Owl	RM		249	Dusky Warbler	V	(17)
192	Short-eared Owl	RM		250	Western Bonelli's Warbler	V	(3)
193	Nightjar	V	(29)	251	Wood Warbler	RM	
194	Swift	FM		252	Chiffchaff	FM	
195	Pallid Swift	V	(1)	253	Willow Warbler	CM	
196	Alpine Swift	V	(7)	254	Blackcap	CM	
197	Little Swift	V	(1)	255	Garden Warbler	FM	
198	Hoopoe	R	(41)	256	Barred Warbler	RM	
199	Bee-eater	V	(8)	257	Lesser Whitethroat	FM	
200	Roller	V	(1)	258	Sardinian Warbler	V	(2)
201	Kingfisher	V	(1)	259	Moltoni's Subalpine Warbler	V	(2)
202	Wryneck	RM		260	Subalpine Warbler	R	(96)
203	Great Spotted Woodpecker	S		261	Whitethroat	FM	
204	Lesser Kestrel	V	(1)	262	Dartford Warbler	V	(1)
205	Kestrel	RM		263	Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler	R	(24)
206	American Kestrel	V	(1)	264	Lanceolated Warbler	S	(95)
207	Red-footed Falcon	V	(5)	265	Grasshopper Warbler	RM	
208	Merlin	RM		266	River Warbler	V	(17)
209	Hobby	R	(60)	267	Savi's Warbler	V	(7)
210	Gyr Falcon	V	(13)	268	Thick-billed Warbler	V	(2)
211	Peregrine	RM		269	Booted Warbler	V	(15)
212	Red-eyed Vireo	V	(1)	270	Sykes's Warbler	V	(3)
213	Golden Oriole	R	(48)	271	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	V	(3)
214	Brown Shrike	V	(1)	272	Icterine Warbler	RM	
215	Isabelline Shrike	V	(4)	273	Melodious Warbler	V	(18)
216	Red-backed Shrike	RM		274	Aquatic Warbler	V	(38)
217	Lesser Grey Shrike	V	(21)	275	Sedge Warbler	FM	
218	Great Grey Shrike	S		276	Paddyfield Warbler	R	(25)
219	Southern Grey Shrike	V	(2)	277	Blyth's Reed Warbler	R	(45)
220	Woodchat Shrike	V	(29)	278	Marsh Warbler	S	
221	Magpie	V	(1)	279	Reed Warbler	RM	
222	Jackdaw	S		280	Great Reed Warbler	V	(14)
223	Rook	RM		281	Waxwing	S	
224	Carrion Crow	FM		282	Treecreeper	V	(9)
225	Hooded Crow	RM BS		283	Wren	RM BS	
226	Raven	RM BS		284	Starling	CM BM	
227	Goldcrest	FM		285	Rose-coloured Starling	R	(45)
228	Firecrest	V	(8)	286	Dipper	R	(37)
229	Blue Tit	V	(14)	287	White's Thrush	V	(14)
230	Great Tit	R	(c51)	288	Hermit Thrush	V	(3)

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289	Swainson's Thrush	V	(2)
290	Grey-cheeked Thrush	V	(5)
291	Siberian Thrush	V	(2)
292	Ring Ouzel	FM	
293	Blackbird	CM	
294	Eyebrowed Thrush	V	(2)
295	Dusky Thrush	V	(1)
296	Black-throated Thrush	V	(13)
297	Fieldfare	CM	
298	Song Thrush	CM	
299	Redwing	CM	
300	Mistle Thrush	RM	
301	Brown Flycatcher	V	(2)
302	Spotted Flycatcher	FM	
303	Robin	CM	
304	Rufous-tailed Robin	V	(1)
305	Thrush Nightingale	R	(62)
306	Nightingale	R	(55)
307	Bluethroat	RM	
308	Siberian Rubythroat	V	(7)
309	Red-flanked Bluetail	V	(16)
310	Red-breasted Flycatcher	S	
311	Collared Flycatcher	V	(7)
312	Pied Flycatcher	FM	
313	Black Redstart	RM	
314	Redstart	FM	
315	Rock Thrush	V	(1)
316	Whinchat	FM	
317	Siberian Stonechat	V	(44)
318	Stonechat	S	
319	Wheatear	CM BS	
320	Isabelline Wheatear	V	(1)
321	Desert Wheatear	V	(5)
322	Black-eared Wheatear	V	(5)
323	Pied Wheatear	V	(1)
324	Alpine Accentor	V	(2)
325	Siberian Accentor	V	(2)
326	Dunnock	FM	
327	House Sparrow	BS	
328	Tree Sparrow	S	
329	Yellow Wagtail	RM	
330	Citrine Wagtail	S	(76)
331	Grey Wagtail	S	
332	Pied Wagtail	FM BS	
333	Richard's Pipit	S	
334	Blyth's Pipit	V	(4)
335	Tawny Pipit	V	(18)
336	Olive-backed Pipit	S	(108)
337	Tree Pipit	RM	
338	Pechora Pipit	R	(44)
339	Meadow Pipit	CM BS	
340	Red-throated Pipit	R	(88)
341	Rock Pipit	FM BS	
342	Buff-bellied Pipit	V	(4)
343	Brambling	FM	
344	Chaffinch	FM	
345	Hawfinch	S	(138)
346	Common Rosefinch	RM	

No.	Species	Status	(individuals)
347	Bullfinch	S	
348	Greenfinch	RM	
349	Linnet	RM	
350	Twite	FM BS	
351	Lesser Redpoll	S	
352	Common Redpoll	FM	
353	Arctic Redpoll	R	(92)
354	Two-barred Crossbill	R	(58)
355	Common Crossbill	RM	
356	Parrot Crossbill	V	(68)
357	Goldfinch	S	
358	Citrl Finch	V	(1)
359	Serin	V	(3)
360	Siskin	FM	
361	Snow Bunting	FM	
362	Lapland Bunting	FM	
363	Savannah Sparrow	V	(2)
364	Song Sparrow	V	(3)
365	White-crowned Sparrow	V	(1)
366	White-throated Sparrow	V	(5)
367	Black-headed Bunting	V	(25)
368	Corn Bunting	R	
369	Chestnut-eared Bunting	V	(1)
370	Cretzschmar's Bunting	V	(3)
371	Ortolan Bunting	S	
372	Yellowhammer	RM	
373	Pine Bunting	V	(13)
374	Pallas's Reed Bunting	V	(2)
375	Reed Bunting	FM	
376	Yellow-breasted Bunting	R	(103)
377	Yellow-browed Bunting	V	(1)
378	Little Bunting	S	
379	Rustic Bunting	R	(133)
380	Black-faced Bunting	V	(1)
381	Bobolink	V	(1)
382	Brown-headed Cowbird	V	(1)
383	Baltimore Oriole	V	(1)
384	Tennessee Warbler	V	(2)
385	Magnolia Warbler	V	(1)
386	Blackburnian Warbler	V	(1)
387	Blackpoll Warbler	V	(2)
388	Yellow-rumped Warbler	V	(2)

Category D: Daurian Starling, Red-headed Bunting

Category E: Black Swan, Bar-headed Goose, Red-breasted Goose, Wood Duck, Lanner Falcon, Saker Falcon, White-shouldered Starling, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Lazuli Bunting, Indigo Bunting, Painted Bunting, Varied Bunting, House Finch, Pallas's Rosefinch, Long-tailed Rosefinch, Chestnut Bunting, Red-headed Bunting, Yellow-billed Grosbeak, Black-headed Grosbeak

Extinct: Great Auk