

# Manx Ringing Group annual report 2010



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## Ringling report

2010 was a busy year for the Manx Ringing Group. Not only did we end the year with the highest annual total of birds ringed since the formation of the group but we also started new colour ringing projects on **Rock Pipit & Herring Gull**, recommenced the colour ringing of the local **Mute Swans** and also joined the North West Twite Project, catching & colour ringing **Twite** at the Point of Ayre.

2010 most ringed species	Total
Linnet	407
Blue Tit	290
Sand Martin	163
Goldfinch	162
Great Tit	161
Siskin	153
House Sparrow	131
Swallow	123
Meadow Pipit	99
Chaffinch	96

A total of 2841 birds of 70 species were ringed during the year. The total consists of 2528 adult birds and 313 pulli (nestlings), see the table to the left for the top ten species by numbers ringed during the year. Species highlights included **Manx Shearwater, Hen Harrier, Sandwich Tern, Little Tern, Black Guillemot, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Water Pipit, Wheatear, Redwing, Reed Warbler, Chough, Hooded Crow, Brambling, Twite and Crossbill.**

Looking at the specific projects, an interesting colour ringing study was commenced on **Rock Pipits**. We aim to find out site fidelity on the wintering beaches, seeing if birds remain at

one favoured site for the winter or whether they range from one site to another on-island or even disperse off-island. We also want to look at whether birds return to the same wintering site each year. Finally we want to try and identify the breeding territories of the birds to see how far they range to/from their wintering sites. Initial sightings already suggest that some birds do roam during the winter with several birds re-sighted away from their original ringing site whereas others remain on one site.



Rock Pipit

Colour ringing of **Herring Gulls** was also commenced this year with 65 being given a unique 4 digit



Colour ringed Herring Gull '11TW'

coded ring. Our project uses Black rings with a Yellow code on them. We will be rolling this out to **Lesser Black-backed** and **Great Black-backed Gulls** in 2011. The aim of this project is to increase our recovery rate through increased chance of field observers seeing the large colour ring and reporting their sightings. Again, we have had instant results with several birdwatchers

reporting seeing our colour ringed Herring Gulls at various sites on the Island.

The **Mute Swan** colour ringing project was recommenced this year thanks to a donation from the Manx Ornithological Society which allowed us to purchase both the colour rings and BTO metal rings

required. At a 'ring cost' of just over £3.00 per Swan ringed (not including the several loaves of bread used to lure them close enough to catch each time!) it is a very costly project to run. It is a very worthwhile project however and the results from the previous efforts in the 1990's prove the excellent value of colour ringing the Swans due to the large number of re-sightings that we receive from birdwatchers. This allows us to track individual Swans around the Island, and further afield, and even build family trees spanning many generations! The project is run as a part of the North West Swan Study group which also covers Cumbria, Lancashire, Merseyside and Cheshire.

We also became a part of the North West Twite Project which is a scheme set up to identify the wintering and nesting sites of individual groups of this red-listed species of conservation concern. A small number of **Twite** were caught and colour ringed in December and this will now be a project run each winter on the island.

The long-running **Chough** colour ringing project continued this year with 69 pulli being given unique combinations of colour rings allowing them to be individually identified in the field. The data on these birds was once again supplied to the Manx Chough Project, allowing them to continue their studies.



Colour ringed Chough

A survey on **Hen Harriers** in conjunction with the RSPB resulted in 33 pulli being ringed this year, an excellent result from the many hours of fieldwork put in to find the nests.

Other long-running projects such as the nest box studies at Close Sartfield MWT reserve and the Curraghs Wildlife Park, the Maughold **Cormorant** colony and **Storm Petrel** ringing were continued during the year, albeit that the Storm Petrel ringing was hampered yet again by a lack of suitable conditions on nights when work the following day did not get in the way!



Colour ringed Brent Goose 'J4YY'

Looking at the results of our work, there is a 'bumper' selection of recoveries this year. Highlights include a **Little Egret** from Lincs, 4 **Whooper Swans** (2 from Iceland and 2 from Lincs), 3 **Brent Geese** from Iceland and a **Sanderling** from Ghana.



If you come across a ringed bird, either by reading the ring number of a bird in the field or finding a dead one then do please let us know. What we would like to know to enable the record to give the best data is:

- The ring number
- The address on the ring (metal rings only)
- The species of bird (if known)
- Where you found/saw the bird (an OS grid reference or Lat/Long co-ordinates if possible)
- The date you found/saw the bird
- The finding circumstances (if dead, e.g. killed by cat, flew into window, fresh tideline corpse etc.)

If possible, a photograph showing the ring number would also be appreciated in case of any accidental incorrect reading of the number (Z instead of 2, A for 4, 8 for B etc.). You can send the details to the Manx BirdLife offices at 35 New Road, Laxey IM4 7BG, by telephone (01624) 861130 or by email to [manxrg@gmail.com](mailto:manxrg@gmail.com).

You can keep right up to date with the activities of the ringing group through Kevin and Sean's 'blogs' where information on recent ringing and news of recoveries are regularly posted.

- Kevin's blog – [www.manxringer.blogspot.com](http://www.manxringer.blogspot.com)
- Sean's blog – [www.training-to-ring-birds.blogspot.com](http://www.training-to-ring-birds.blogspot.com)

Wrapping up this part of the report then, I could not forgo giving a huge thank you to Sean Gray who moved to the Island in March this year and joined the ringing group. He is an 'A' grade permit holder who had previously lived and ringed in the Pennines and West Yorkshire. His massive amount of enthusiasm for the various projects made the year a great one for the group! Thanks also to Mark Fitzpatrick who, as usual, spent several weeks ringing here in the summer.

We would also like to pass on our thanks to the following people for their enthusiasm for letting us ring at their properties: Manx Wildlife Trust, Curraghs Wildlife Park, Island Aggregates, Manx National Heritage, Dept of Infrastructure (Waste management), DEFA (Forrestry division), Ron & Hazel Crellin, Judith Burn, Liz & Glenn Jensen, Nelson Kinley, John Clarke, Charlie Cormode, Les & Roz Gale and Mr & Mrs Solkin. We would also like to thank the many landowners and farmers who allow us access to their land to carry out our work. Thanks also go to Bob Taylor and his crew (John & Dave) for numerous trips out on his charter boat 'Gemini' during the year, some of which were used to ring Gulls. Last, but certainly not least, we would like to thank all the people who took the time to send us the details of ringed birds they have found, each and every record assists us in adding to the picture of Manx birdlife.

We would also like to give a special thank you to the Manx Ornithological Society for funding towards our work, without which we would not be able to do the range of projects which we do now.

The Manx Ringing Group operate as part of the Manx BirdLife charity and under licence by the Manx Government's Department of Environment, Food & Agriculture and its ringers hold a current permit issued by the British Trust for Ornithology.

## Ringling Totals 2010

	<u>Full grown</u>	<u>Pulli</u>	<u>Total</u>
Manx Shearwater	2		2
Storm Petrel	8		8
Cormorant		63	63
Mute Swan	9		9
Canada Goose	5		5
Mallard	12		12
Hen Harrier		33	33
Kestrel		5	5
Oystercatcher	9	11	20
Ringed Plover	15	2	17
Dunlin	16		16
Curlew		1	1
Redshank	2		2
Turnstone	1		1
Black-headed Gull	7		7
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	9	10
Herring Gull	66	3	69
Great Black-backed Gull		3	3
Sandwich Tern	1		1
Little Tern		5	5
Black Guillemot	1		1
Woodpigeon	2		2
Collared Dove	2		2
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1		1
Sand Martin	163		163
Swallow	82	41	123
House Martin	4		4
Meadow Pipit	99		99
Rock Pipit	87		87
Water Pipit	1		1
Pied Wagtail	2	8	10
Wren	20		20
Dunnock	33		33
Robin	50		50
Stonechat	6		6
Wheatear	8		8
Blackbird	64		64
Song Thrush	14		14
Redwing	1		1
Sedge Warbler	34		34

	<b>Full grown</b>	<b>Pulli</b>	<b>Total</b>
Reed Warbler	1		1
Whitethroat	2		2
Blackcap	50		50
Chiffchaff	12		12
Willow Warbler	27		27
Goldcrest	53		53
Long-tailed Tit	30		30
Coal Tit	44		44
Blue Tit	262	28	290
Great Tit	148	13	161
Treecreeper	2		2
Magpie	1		1
Chough		70	70
Jackdaw	7	12	19
Rook	2		2
Carrion Crow	1		1
Hooded Crow	1		1
Starling	26		26
House Sparrow	125	6	131
Chaffinch	96		96
Brambling	1		1
Greenfinch	51		51
Goldfinch	162		162
Siskin	153		153
Linnet	407		407
Twite	6		6
Lesser Redpoll	27		27
Common Crossbill	1		1
Yellowhammer	1		1
Reed Bunting	1		1
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>2528</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>2841</b>

## Recoveries & recaptures 2010

Ring Number	Age Type	Date	Details
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### Manx Shearwater

EW81711	4	20/08/10	The Chasms, Isle of Man
	0 Dead	05/09/10	Gansey, Isle of Man (2 km, NNE, 16 days)

This Manx Shearwater had been handed to a vet having been found in a garden following a very stormy night. It was checked over and released later that day nearby at The Chasms but unfortunately found washed ashore near Gansey 16 days later.

### Storm Petrel

2526390	4	14/08/08	St. Michael's Island, Isle of Man
	4 Recaptured	08/07/10	Port Vasgo, <b>Highland</b> (496 km, N, 1 yr 328days)
2526397	4	14/08/08	St. Michael's Island, Isle of Man
	4 Recaptured	18/07/10	Sanda Island, <b>Argyll and Bute</b> (148 km, NNW, 1 yr 338 days)
2630513	4	11/08/07	Craig Stirling, <b>Aberdeenshire</b>
	4 Recaptured	21/07/10	St. Michael's Island, Isle of Man (362 km, SSW, 2 yrs 344days)
2639054	4	22/08/09	Sheepland Harbour, Ardglass, <b>Down</b>
	4 Recaptured	20/07/10	St. Michael's Island, Isle of Man (67 km, ESE, 332 days)
2651980	4	13/08/09	Sheepland Harbour, Ardglass, <b>Down</b>
	4 Recaptured	03/08/10	St. Michael's Island, Isle of Man (67 km, ESE, 355 days)

The movements involving Highland and Aberdeenshire are noteworthy for us, but otherwise a fairly normal collection of movements.

### Cormorant

5255508	1	15/06/09	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	0 Dead	05/03/10	Halton, near Lancaster, <b>Lancashire</b> (104 km, ESE, 263 days)
5255519	1	15/06/09	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	0 Long dead	15/10/10	A30, Tedburn St Mary, <b>Devon</b> (401 km, S, 1 yr 122 days)
5255563	1	17/06/10	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	3 Dead	20/08/10	Tythenhanger GP's, <b>Hertfordshire</b> (393 km, SE, 64 days)
5255591	1	17/06/10	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	0 Long dead	01/09/10	Knott-end-on-Sea, <b>Lancashire</b> (97 km, ESE, 76 days)

Two very interesting movements to Southern England. The bird found in Devon was reported as a road casualty on the busy A30! We have had a few birds to Hertfordshire previously. The birds found in Lancashire were more expected.



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### Shag

1406314	1	26/07/10	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	3 Dead	26/09/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man (42 km, NE, 62 days)

A typical local recovery for one of this year's young from the colony on the Calf of Man.

### Little Egret

GC55852	1	13/05/10	near North Somercotes, Louth, <b>Lincolnshire</b>
	3 Sighted	25/07/10	Ardmore, Clyde, <b>Argyll and Bute</b> (419 km, NW, 73 days)
	3 Sighted	27/07/10	Ardmore, Clyde, <b>Argyll and Bute</b> (419 km, NW, 75 days)
	3 Sighted	03/08/10	Belhaven Bay, Dunbar, <b>East Lothian</b> (333 km, NNW, 82 days)
	3 Sighted	04/08/10	Belhaven Bay, Dunbar, <b>East Lothian</b> (333 km, NNW, 83 days)
	3 Sighted	08/08/10	Belhaven Bay, Dunbar, <b>East Lothian</b> (333 km, NNW, 87 days)
	3 Sighted	07/09/10	Langness, Isle of Man (321 km, WNW, 117 days)
	3 Sighted	19/09/10	Campfield Marsh, <b>Cumbria</b> (277 km, NW, 129 days)
	3 Sighted	20/09/10	Port Carlisle, <b>Cumbria</b> (274 km, NW, 130 days)

This is a remarkable set of sightings of this colour ringed Little Egret. It moved quickly North West from its natal site in Lincolnshire to the Clyde Estuary on the West coast of Scotland. It then moved over to the East coast of Scotland to Dunbar before heading South West to Langness here on the Isle of Man and quickly double backed, last seen on the Solway coast in Cumbria.

### Mute Swan

U3465	3	01/09/93	Ramsey, Isle of Man
	5 Sighted	29/05/94	Newtownabbey, <b>Antrim</b> (107 km, WNW, 270 days)
	5 Sighted	13/10/94	Cliftonville, <b>Belfast</b> (108 km, WNW, 1 yr 42 days)
	5 Sighted	30/10/94	Ramsey, Isle of Man (1 yr 59 days)
	6 Sighted	22/07/95	Ramsey, Isle of Man (1 yr 324 days)
	6 Sighted	06/01/96	Ramsey, Isle of Man (2 yrs 127 days)
	6 Recaptured	16/08/96	Ramsey, Isle of Man (2 yrs 350 days)
	6 Recaptured	06/06/08	Ronague, Isle of Man (30 km, SW, 14 yrs 279 days)
	6 Recaptured	25/10/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man (17 yrs 54 days)
	6 Recaptured	21/12/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man (17 yrs 111 days)

A bird hatched in 1993 (a cygnet from the pair that nested in Derbyhaven that year) which moved to Northern Ireland sometime that winter before being seen back in Ramsey the following Autumn. It was found nesting in Ronague in 2008 (the original colour ring missing by then) and then re-caught in Ramsey in the autumn of 2010. We should hopefully be able to identify if it is still nesting in Ronague in future years now that it has been colour ringed again.

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**Mute Swan cont.**

U7291	6	21/02/98	Silverdale Glen, Isle of Man
	6 Sighted	02/05/98	Strandhall, Isle of Man (4 km, WSW, 70 days)
	6 Sighted	24/05/98	Castletown, Isle of Man (4 km, S, 92 days)
	6 Sighted	24/02/99	Port St Mary, Isle of Man (7 km, SW, 1 yr 3 days)
	6 Sighted	13/04/99	Castletown, Isle of Man (4 km, S, 1 yr 51 days)
	6 Sighted	15/09/99	Castletown, Isle of Man (4 km, S, 1 yr 206 days)
	6 Sighted	19/06/00	Castletown, Isle of Man (4 km, S, 2 yrs 119 days)
	6 Sighted	14/11/01	Ramsey, Isle of Man (30 km, NE, 3 yrs 26 6days)
	6 Sighted	20/04/02	Billown, Isle of Man (2 km, SSW, 4 yrs 58 days)
	6 Sighted	20/05/02	Billown, Isle of Man (2 km, SSW, 4 yrs 88 days)
	6 Sighted	14/11/03	Ramsey, Isle of Man (30 km, NE, 5 yrs 266 days)
	6 Sighted	10/12/03	Ramsey, Isle of Man (30 km, NE, 5 yrs 29 2days)
	6 Sighted	02/01/04	Ramsey, Isle of Man (30 km, NE, 5 yrs 315 days)
	6 Sighted	24/09/04	Ramsey, Isle of Man (30 km, NE, 6 yrs 216 days)
	6 Sighted	06/11/04	Ramsey, Isle of Man (30 km, NE, 6 yrs 259 days)
	6 Recaptured	21/10/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man (30 km, NE, 12 yrs 242 days)
	6 Recaptured	22/10/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man (30 km, NE, 12 yrs 242 days)
	6 Sighted	21/12/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man (30 km, NE, 12 yrs 303 days)

U7291 has apparently not strayed from the Island in its 12 year life to date. Now that it has been colour ringed again (it had lost its original colour ring sometime after 2004) we will hopefully identify if it is one of the local breeding birds.

X2284	6	13/04/06	Billown, Isle of Man
	6 Sighted	23/01/07	Ramsey, Isle of Man (32 km, NE, 285 days)
	6 Sighted	11/09/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man (32 km, NE, 4 yrs 151 days)
	6 Sighted	21/12/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man (32 km, NE, 4 yrs 252 days)
X2285	6	08/06/06	Eary, Foxdale, Isle of Man
	6 Sighted	23/01/07	Ramsey, Isle of Man (25 km, NE, 229 days)
	6 Sighted	17/01/08	St. Lonan's Church, Isle of Man (14 km, ENE, 1 yr 223 days)
	6 Sighted	06/10/10	Laxey Head, Isle of Man (16 km, ENE, 4 yrs 120 days)
Z83917	6	22/10/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man
	6 Sighted	21/12/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man (60 days)
ZZ7452	5	04/10/08	Whitehaven Dock, <b>Cumbria</b>
	6 Recaptured	21/10/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man (56 km, WSW, 2 yrs 17 days)

A superb result from the first days Swan catching in Ramsey was finding this 'foreigner' amongst the herd! It will be interesting to track the movements of ZZ7452 now that it has been colour ringed.

Ring Number	Age Type	Date	Details
<b>Whooper Swan</b>			
ISR.A8399	6	05/08/08	Vatnashlid, Skagafjordur, <b>ICELAND</b>
	6 Sighted	21/03/09	Loch Connell, <b>Dumfries &amp; Galloway</b> (1415 km, SE, 228 days)
	6 Sighted	21/10/09	Caerlaverok, <b>Dumfries &amp; G'way</b> (1466 km, SE, 1 yr 77 days)
	6 Sighted	08/04/10	Caerlaverok, <b>Dumfries &amp; G'way</b> (1466 km 1 yr 246 days)
	6 Sighted	02/11/10	Glascoe Farm, Isle of Man (1497 km, SE, 2 yrs 89 days)
	6 Sighted	06/11/10	Glascoe Farm, Isle of Man (1497 km, SE, 2 yrs 93 days)
	6 Sighted	13/11/10	Glascoe Farm, Isle of Man (1497 km, SE, 2 yrs 100 days)
ISR.A8676	3	01/08/09	Borgary, Skagafjordur, <b>ICELAND</b>
	5 Sighted	17/01/10	near Kerroogarroo, Isle of Man (1498 km, SSE, 169 days)
ZZ6079	6	19/11/08	Martin Mere WWT, <b>Lancashire</b>
	6 Sighted	01/04/09	Martin Mere WWT, <b>Lancashire</b> (133 days)
	6 Satellite	02/04/09	Warton, Ribble Estuary, <b>Lancashire</b> (11 km, N, 134 days)
	6 Satellite	06/04/09	<u>near The Lhen, Isle of Man</u> (136 km, NW, 138 days)
	6 Satellite	10/04/09	<u>White Strand, Isle of Man</u> (135 km, WNW, 142 days)
	6 Satellite	12/04/09	Belfast Loch, <b>Belfast</b> (227 km, WNW, 144 days)
	6 Satellite	03/12/09	Strangford Loch, <b>Down</b> (211 km, WNW, 1 yr 14 days)
	6 Sighted	20/01/10	Martin Mere WWT, <b>Lancashire</b> (1 yr 62days)
	6 Satellite	08/04/10	At Sea, <b>North Atlantic Ocean</b> (750 km, NW, 1 yr 140 days)
ZZ7974	6	15/02/07	Martin Mere WWT, <b>Lancashire</b>
	6 Sighted	16/03/10	Martin Mere WWT, <b>Lancashire</b> (3 yrs 29 days)
	6 Sighted	30/03/10	Martin Mere WWT, <b>Lancashire</b> (3 yrs 43 days)
	6 Satellite	30/03/10	<u>Point of Ayre GP's, Isle of Man</u> (131 km, NW, 3 yrs 43 days)
	6 Satellite	01/04/10	<u>Point of Ayre GP's, Isle of Man</u> (131 km, NW, 3 yrs 45 days)
	6 Satellite	01/04/10	Loch Gilp, <b>Argyll and Bute</b> (312 km, NNW, 3 yrs 45 days)
	6 Satellite	04/04/10	Hof, <b>ICELAND</b> (1379 km, NW, 3 yrs 48 days)
	6 Satellite	07/04/10	Hvitarvatn, <b>ICELAND</b> (1541 km, NW, 3 yrs 51 days)

The two Icelandic caught birds (ISR.A8399 & ISR.A8676) were both records from colour ring sightings. The other two birds were located by satellite tracking of special tags placed on them to record their migration routes. This was part of a study to identify Swan migration routes to assist in offshore wind farm planning in the North Atlantic area.

ZZ6079 had actually stayed in Northern Ireland in the summer of 2009 rather than fly to Iceland to breed. However when returning birds joined it that Autumn it stayed with them and returned to Martin Mere, Lancashire before setting off on a more usual migration back to Iceland. Unfortunately the satellite tag stopped transmitting whilst the bird was midway between the UK and Iceland so its fate is not known beyond that point.

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### Brent Goose

ISR.119693	6	21/05/06	Palshus, Sudur-Pingeyjarsysla, <b>ICELAND</b>
	6 Sighted	15/09/06	Hafnarfjorour, <b>ICELAND</b> (62 km, S, 117 days)
	6 Sighted	05/10/06	Greyabbey Bay, Strangford, <b>Down</b> (1451 km, SE, 137 days)
	6 Sighted	21/10/06	Greyabbey Bay, Strangford, <b>Down</b> (1451 km, SE, 153 days)
	6 Sighted	13/04/07	Hafnarfjorour, <b>ICELAND</b> (62 km, S, 327 days)
	6 Sighted	21/04/07	Hafnarfjorour, <b>ICELAND</b> (62 km, S, 335 days)
	6 Sighted	04/05/07	Bessastadir, Alftanes, <b>ICELAND</b> (56 km, S, 348 days)
	6 Sighted	27/09/07	Castle Espie, Strangford, <b>Down</b> (1447 km, SE, 1 yr 129 days)
	6 Sighted	14/12/07	Myra, Strangford Loch, <b>Down</b> (1464 km, SE, 1 yr 20 7days)
	6 Sighted	12/02/08	Myra, Strangford Loch, <b>Down</b> (1464 km, SE, 1 yr 267 days)
	6 Sighted	17/05/08	Alftafjorour, <b>ICELAND</b> (54 km, NNW, 1 yr 362 days)
	6 Sighted	07/10/08	Castle Espie, Strangford, <b>Down</b> (1447 km, SE, 2 yrs 139 days)
	6 Sighted	01/12/08	Myra, Strangford Loch, <b>Down</b> (1464 km, SE, 2 yrs 194 days)
	6 Sighted	16/03/09	Lagnagoppoge, Strangf'd, <b>Down</b> (1471km, SE, 2yrs 299 days)
	6 Sighted	13/09/09	Castle Espie, Strangford, <b>Down</b> (1447 km, SE, 3 yrs 115 days)
	6 Sighted	25/01/10	Myra, Strangford Loch, <b>Down</b> (1464 km, SE, 3 yrs 249 days)
	6 Sighted	25/01/10	Myra, Strangford Loch, <b>Down</b> (1464 km, SE, 3 yrs 249 days)
	6 Sighted	03/04/10	<u>Derbyhaven, Isle of Man</u> (1529 km, SE, 3 yrs 317 days)
	6 Sighted	04/04/10	<u>Derbyhaven, Isle of Man</u> (1529 km, SE, 3 yrs 318 days)
ISR.119808	6	12/05/07	Jorfi, Alftanes, Borgarfjardarsysla, <b>ICELAND</b>
	6 Sighted	17/05/07	Seltjarnarnes, Reykjavik, <b>ICELAND</b> (35 km, S, 5 days)
	6 Sighted	24/05/07	Seltjarnarnes, Reykjavik, <b>ICELAND</b> (35 km, S, 12 days)
	6 Sighted	16/11/07	Derbyhaven, Isle of Man (1517 km, SE, 188 days)
	6 Sighted	27/11/07	Langness, Isle of Man (1517 km, SE, 199 days)
	6 Sighted	01/01/08	Derbyhaven, Isle of Man (1517 km, SE, 234 days)
	6 Sighted	05/02/08	Langness, Isle of Man (1517 km, SE, 269 days)
	6 Sighted	27/03/08	Laytown, Meath, <b>EIRE</b> (1498 km, SE, 320 days)
	6 Sighted	10/05/08	Jorfi, Alftanes, Borgarfjardarsysla, <b>ICELAND</b> (364 days)
	6 Sighted	31/10/08	Tramore Bay, Waterford, <b>EIRE</b> (1619 km, SSE, 1 yr 172 days)
	4 Sighted	31/12/08	Derbyhaven, Isle of Man (1517 km, SE, 1 yr 233 days)
	6 Sighted	03/01/09	Derbyhaven, Isle of Man (1517 km, SE, 1 yr 236 days)
	6 Sighted	10/02/09	Langness, Isle of Man (1517 km, SE, 1 yr 274 days)
	6 Sighted	01/03/09	Derbyhaven, Isle of Man (1517 km, SE, 1 yr 293 days)
	6 Sighted	20/10/09	Greyabbey, Strangford, <b>Down</b> (1440 km, SE, 2 yrs 161 days)
	4 Sighted	27/11/09	Derbyhaven, Isle of Man (1517 km, SE, 2 yrs 199 days)
	4 Sighted	16/12/09	Langness, Isle of Man (1517 km, SE, 2 yrs 218 days)
	6 Sighted	14/01/10	Derbyhaven, Isle of Man (1517 km, SE, 2 yrs 247 days)
	6 Sighted	04/04/10	Derbyhaven, Isle of Man (1517 km, SE, 2 yrs 327 days)
	4 Sighted	25/11/10	Derbyhaven, Isle of Man (1517 km, SE, 3 yrs 197 days)
	4 Sighted	03/12/10	Derbyhaven, Isle of Man (1517 km, SE, 3 yrs 205 days)
	4 Sighted	09/12/10	Derbyhaven, Isle of Man (1517 km, SE, 3 yrs 211 days)

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### Brent Goose cont.

'CL'	5	17/05/04	Blautos, Akranes peninsular, Dalasysla, <b>ICELAND</b>
	5 Sighted	27/09/04	Castle Espie, Strangford Loch, <b>Down</b> (1441 km, SE, 133 days)
	6 Sighted	02/11/05	Ringneil Quay, Strangford, <b>Down</b> (1444km, SE, 1 yr 169 days)
	6 Sighted	05/11/05	North Bull, Dublin Bay, <b>EIRE</b> (1537 km, SE, 1 yr 172 days)
	6 Sighted	19/11/05	North Bull, Dublin Bay, <b>EIRE</b> (1537 km, SE, 1 yr 186 days)
	6 Sighted	31/12/05	Myra, Strangford Loch, <b>Down</b> (1458 km, SE, 1 yr 228 days)
	6 Sighted	19/02/06	Myra, Strangford Loch, <b>Down</b> (1458 km, SE, 1 yr 278 days)
	6 Sighted	25/10/06	Castle Espie, Strangford, <b>Down</b> (1441 km, SE, 2 yrs 161 days)
	6 Sighted	06/03/07	Myra, Strangford Loch, <b>Down</b> (1458 km, SE, 2 yrs 293 days)
	6 Sighted	27/09/07	Castle Espie, Strangford, <b>Down</b> (1441 km, SE, 3 yrs 133 days)
	6 Sighted	06/01/08	Myra, Strangford Loch, <b>Down</b> (1458 km, SE, 3 yrs 234 days)
	6 Sighted	17/05/08	Alftafjorour, Snaefellsnessysla, <b>ICELAND</b> (59 km, NNW, 4 yrs)
	6 Sighted	07/10/08	Castle Espie, Strangford, <b>Down</b> (1441 km, SE, 4 yrs 143 days)
	6 Sighted	16/03/09	Lagnagoppoge, Strangf'd, <b>Down</b> (1465km, SE, 4yrs 303 days)
	6 Sighted	13/09/09	Castle Espie, Strangford, <b>Down</b> (1441 km, SE, 5 yrs 119 days)
	6 Sighted	25/01/10	Myra, Strangford Loch, <b>Down</b> (1458 km, SE, 5 yrs 25 3days)
	6 Sighted	04/04/10	<u>Derbyhaven, Isle of Man</u> (1523 km, SE, 5 yrs 322 days)

ISR.119808 is the returning colour ringed female 'Yellow J4', recorded for its 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive winter in the Langness/Derbyhaven area.

ISR.119693 & 'CL' were both seen at Derbyhaven in April by Pete Hadfield who noted their colour rings. All 3 birds are from the project run by the Irish Brent Goose study as seen on BBC's 'Springwatch' & 'Autumnwatch' programmes.

### Sparrowhawk

DK60775	3	08/09/06	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	0 Long dead	19/04/10	Ballachurry, Isle of Man (39 km, NE, 3 yrs 223 days)
EW81565	1	02/07/09	Site confidential, Northern Isle of Man
	0 Dead	01/02/10	Garey, Isle of Man, (214 days)
EW81567	1	02/07/09	Site confidential, Northern Isle of Man
	4 Recaptured	24/10/10	Port Lewaigue, Isle of Man, (1 yr 114 days)

EW81565 & EW81567 were from the same brood ringed in 2009. Sean recaptured EW81567 at Port Lewaigue but unfortunately its sibling was found dead at The Garey having flown into a window. DK60775, which had been ringed as a first year Male on the Calf of Man, was found long dead in a field near Ballachurry (near St Judes).



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### Oystercatcher

FB04464	1	03/07/10	near Rue Point, Isle of Man
	3 Long dead	10/08/10	Rue Point, Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (2 km, E, 38 days)
FH03009	1	06/07/10	near Rue Point, Isle of Man
	3 Recaptured	07/08/10	near Rue Point, Isle of Man (32 days)
FP01502	8	19/09/98	Llanfairfechan, <b>Conwy</b>
	8 Recaptured	16/06/10	Derbyhaven, Isle of Man (101 km, NNW, 11 yrs 270 days)

FP01502 was nesting at Derbyhaven when caught. It is the first time a Welsh ringed Oystercatcher has been caught here. The pair went on to raise 2 chicks which were also ringed.

FH03009 was originally ringed as a young chick and then re-caught as a fully grown, fledged juvenile a month later.

### Ringed Plover

NW10408	1	21/07/10	Rue Point, Point of Ayre, Isle of Man
	3 Recaptured	09/08/10	Rue Point, Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (19 days)

NW01408 was originally ringed when it was no more than 2 days old and then re-caught 19 days later as a fully grown juvenile. Both this bird and the Oystercatcher FH03009 above were in good body mass and muscle condition when re-caught helping to show that the Ayres are an excellent habitat with plenty of food for growing wader chicks.

### Sanderling

GHL.B0386	2	23/10/09	Asenko Village, <b>GHANA, AFRICA</b>
	4 Sighted	28/05/10	The Ayres, Ballaghennie, Isle of Man (5501 km, N, 217 days)

This was undoubtedly the recovery of the year! A field sighting of colour rings and a leg flag on this Sanderling by Pete Giovannini during his visit to the Isle of Man in May. The bird is part of a study on Sanderlings by the International Wader Study Group. Sanderling winter on the coast of West Africa and are a circumpolar Arctic breeder. When seen on the Island in May it was on its Northward migration to its breeding grounds.

Ring Number	Age Type	Date	Details
<b>Herring Gull</b>			
GA35605	1	17/06/01	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	10 Recaptured	21/07/10	at Sea, Irish Sea (2 km, N, 9 yrs 34days)
GA39402	1	22/06/03	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	0 Dead	24/06/10	Port Groudle, Isle of Man (29 km, ENE, 7 yrs 2days)
GC34581	10	19/06/10	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man
	0 Sighted	06/07/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man (3 km, NW, 17 days)
GC34588	10	22/06/10	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man
	10 Sighted	31/07/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man (3 km, NW, 39 days)
GC34600	10	09/07/10	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man
	10 Sighted	13/07/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man (3 km, NW, 4 days)
	10 Sighted	25/07/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man (3 km, NW, 16 days)
	10 Sighted	05/10/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man (3 km, NW, 88 days)
GN46425	10	21/07/10	Port St Mary Bay, Isle of Man
	10 Sighted	27/07/10	Port St Mary Bay, Isle of Man (6 days)
	10 Sighted	23/09/10	Port St Mary Bay, Isle of Man (64 days)
	10 Sighted	03/11/10	Port St Mary Bay, Isle of Man (105 days)
GP09916	10	13/08/94	Ramsey, Isle of Man
	10 Recaptured	12/06/10	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man (3 km, SE, 15 yrs 303 days)
GR21752	10	22/07/10	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man
	10 Sighted	28/07/10	The Hibernian, Isle of Man (3 km, SW, 6 days)
GR21770	3	14/11/10	Peel Bay, Peel, Isle of Man
	3 Sighted	26/11/10	Peel Bay, Peel, Isle of Man (12 days)
GR21781	10	18/12/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man
	10 Sighted	20/12/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man (2 days)

A colour ringing project was commenced on Herring Gull this year by the Manx RG and these are the first few results from that work. Note the age of GP09916, re-caught just under 16 years after it was first ringed in Ramsey. Also GA35605 which had been ringed as a chick on the Calf of Man in 2001 and re-caught by Manx RG on a boat to the North of the Calf just over 9 years later in July this year.

### Sand Martin

L159213	4	05/06/10	Carey's Sand Pit, Ballycon, Offaly, <b>EIRE</b>
	4 Recaptured	29/07/10	Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (222 km, NE, 54 days)
	4 Recaptured	08/08/10	Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (222 km, NE, 64 days)

L159213 is a very interesting, mid-summer movement from one colony to another. It was identified as a breeding Female when originally caught in Offaly, Eire and when caught at one of the colonies near the Point of Ayre it was confirmed as breeding there also. Sand Martins are multi-brood nesters but it is interesting to note the movement between the colonies between nesting attempts.

Ring Number	Age Type	Date	Details
<b>Rock Pipit</b>			
2589303	3	03/08/10	Port Mooar, near Maughold, Isle of Man
	3 Recaptured	10/12/10	Port Mooar, near Maughold, Isle of Man (129 days)
2589306	3	04/08/10	Port Mooar, near Maughold, Isle of Man
	3 Recaptured	23/11/10	Port Mooar, near Maughold, Isle of Man (111 days)
2589309	3	08/08/10	Port Mooar, near Maughold, Isle of Man
	3 Recaptured	28/09/10	Port Mooar, near Maughold, Isle of Man (51 days)
2589310	3	08/08/10	Port Mooar, near Maughold, Isle of Man
	3 Recaptured	23/11/10	Port Mooar, near Maughold, Isle of Man (107 days)
2589312	3	08/08/10	Port Mooar, near Maughold, Isle of Man
	3 Recaptured	23/11/10	Port Mooar, near Maughold, Isle of Man (107 days)
2589313	3	08/08/10	Port Mooar, near Maughold, Isle of Man
	3 Recaptured	28/09/10	Port Mooar, near Maughold, Isle of Man (51 days)
2589335	3	06/10/10	Port Mooar, near Maughold, Isle of Man
	3 Recaptured	04/11/10	Port Mooar, near Maughold, Isle of Man (29 days)
2621832	3	01/11/10	Fenella bay, Peel, Isle of Man
	3 Recaptured	26/11/10	Fenella bay, Peel, Isle of Man (25 days)

A colour ringing project was commenced on Rock Pipits here on the Island this year. We aim to identify winter site fidelity and juvenile dispersal in the local population and winter site fidelity in the apparent migrant population that occur in the Autumn & Winter.

### Blackbird

CL71060	3J	03/06/06	near Dog Mills, Isle of Man
	4 Recaptured	01/08/10	near Dog Mills, Isle of Man (4 yrs 59 days)

CL71060 is a reasonable age for a Blackbird. When first caught in 2006 it was a recently fledged young bird but it has obviously found the Dog Mills to its liking as it appeared to be a breeding adult male when re-caught this year, now over 4 years old.

### Willow Warbler

BRE016	4	22/04/10	Port Lewaigue, Isle of Man
	4 Recaptured	13/07/10	Port Lewaigue, Isle of Man (82 days)

A female that had nested locally (as shown by its brood patch when caught in July).

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### Goldcrest

BEL483	3	12/10/10	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	3 Recaptured	15/11/10	Tholt-e-Will Plantation, Isle of Man (32 km, NE, 34 days)

An interesting movement from the Calf of Man to the inland site of Tholt-e-Will Plantation. The timing of its capture on the Calf of Man coincided with a large arrival of migrant Goldcrests from Fenno-Scandinavia into the British Isles.

### Long-tailed Tit

ACJ875	2	11/12/08	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man
	2 Recaptured	31/12/08	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man (20 days)
	4 Recaptured	02/02/10	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man (1 yr 53days)

ACJ875 is from the local flock of Long-tailed Tits that visit our Croit-e-Caley garden feeding station each year from mid-summer, staying over winter until early spring when they disperse to breed.

### Blue Tit

L214364	3	04/10/10	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	3 Recaptured	10/10/10	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man (42 km, NE, 6 days)
V078695	3J	26/07/06	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man
	3J Recaptured	24/09/06	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man (60 days)
	3 Recaptured	02/11/06	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man (99 days)
	5 Recaptured	06/02/07	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man (195 days)
	6 Recaptured	03/01/10	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man (3 yrs 161 days)
V329111	6	23/01/07	Bishopscourt, Ballaugh, Isle of Man
	6 Recaptured	04/02/10	Bishopscourt, Ballaugh, Isle of Man (3 yrs 12 days)
V329423	1	03/06/10	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man
	3 Recaptured	10/10/10	Calf of Man, Isle of Man (42 km, SW, 129 days)
V430120	3J	29/09/07	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man
	3 Recaptured	26/11/07	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man (58 days)
	6 Recaptured	20/07/10	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man (2 yrs 294 days)
V430370	3J	24/09/08	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man
	6 Recaptured	26/01/10	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man (1 yr 124 days)

A selection of Blue Tit retraps/recoveries although surprisingly none were reported dead from either cats or window strikes this year (the most common causes of death reported for Blue tits). L214364 & V329423 both moved between Sean's site at Maughold and the Calf, a good distance for Blue Tits, which rarely move far. It is interesting to note that V329423 was ringed as a chick in a nest box in Sean's garden which lends credence to the theory that the Autumn influx of Blue & Great Tits on the Calf of Man each Autumn are local juveniles roaming the Isle of Man looking for new territories. Note also the 2 birds (V078695 & V329111) over 3 years old, a good age for a Blue Tit.

Ring Number	Age	Type	Date	Details
<b>Great Tit</b>				
TK61075	1		29/05/10	Eary Farm, Cronk-y-Voddy, Isle of Man
	0	Dead	02/10/10	Eary Farm, Cronk-y-Voddy, Isle of Man (126 days)
V430142	3		07/10/07	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man
	6	Recaptured	26/01/10	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man (2 yrs 111 days)
V430159	3		14/11/07	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man
	3	Recaptured	26/11/07	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man (12 days)
	4	Recaptured	11/12/08	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man (1 yr 27 days)
	6	Recaptured	16/06/10	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man (2 yrs 214 days)

TK61075 was found having been killed by a cat.

### Chough

EL53074	1		27/05/10	Site confidential, Isle of Man
	3	Dead	25/07/10	The Sound, Isle of Man (59 days)
EW81657	1		30/05/10	Site Confidential, Isle of Man
	3	Dying	13/11/10	near Kionlough, Isle of Man (167 days)

These 2 first year birds died within their first 6 months of life. A fate which meets a large proportion of first year birds of all species.

### Jackdaw

EL53089	1		30/05/10	Glen Roy, Isle of Man
	0	Alive	19/07/10	Baldhoon, Laxey, Isle of Man (2 km, NNE, 50 days)

This bird was caught in a licenced trap set out for crop protection and was set free again by the owner.

### Greenfinch

TA68605	3		04/10/10	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	0	Dead	14/10/10	Colby, Isle of Man (9 km, NE, 10 days)
TL31556	3		12/10/09	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	5	Dead	31/07/10	Ballasalla, Isle of Man (13 km, ENE, 292 days)

These 2 birds from the Calf of Man found dead met their fates by hitting a window (Colby) and being killed by a cat (Ballasalla), the most commonly reported causes of death in Manx songbirds.



Ring Number	Age Type	Date	Details
<b>Goldfinch</b>			
L038026	3	13/11/09	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man
	5 Recaptured	21/06/10	Calf of Man, Isle of Man (7 km, WSW, 220 days)
X210995	3J	12/09/09	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	3 Dead	19/09/10	Rhenwyllan, Port St Mary, IOM (6 km, ENE, 1 yr 7 days)
X211529	5	15/04/10	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	4 Recaptured	14/09/10	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man (42 km, NE, 152 days)

Two interchanges between the Calf of Man and the two main garden ringing sites (mine in Croit-e-Caley and Sean's in Port-e-Vullen). X210995 was found dead with the reported cause of death being violent weather (there were Storm force winds around that date on the Island).

## Codes used in the Recoveries report

### EURING age codes

Number	EURING Definition
0	Age unknown
1	Pullus (nestling)
1J	Fledged, but flying so weakly that it is obviously incapable of having flown far from the nest
2	Fully grown, year of hatching quite unknown (including current year)
3	Definitely hatched during current calendar year (eg first-years in autumn)
3J	Definitely hatched this calendar year and still partly or completely in juvenile body plumage
4	Hatched before current calendar year - exact year unknown (eg many adults in autumn)
5	Definitely hatched during previous calendar year (eg first-years in early spring)
6	Hatched before last calendar year - exact year unknown (eg many adults in spring)
7	Definitely hatched in calendar year before last
8	Hatched three or more years ago - exact year unknown
9	Definitely hatched three years ago
10	Hatched four or more years ago - exact year unknown