

# *Manx* Red



Birds of Conservation Concern in the Isle of Man (BoCCIoM) 2021  
*Ushagyn ta Feme Coadey ayns Ellan Vannin 2021*

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Curlew Crottal **RED**

Front cover inset: Corn Crane Ean-raip **RED**

## Introducing BoCCIoM 2021

BoCCIoM 2021 is the first comprehensive assessment of the conservation status of all regularly occurring species of wild bird in the self-governing British Crown Dependency of the Isle of Man.

The assessment uses the tried and tested methods of the Birds of Conservation Concern format. A traffic light system of Red (greatest concern), Amber (moderate concern) and Green (least concern) is used to indicate the conservation status of each species as determined by BoCCIoM 2021.

Identifying the species of greatest concern enables national prioritisation of Manx conservation policy, strategy and funding. As the definitive, up-to-date account of the populations and ranges of birds in the Isle of Man, BoCCIoM 2021 is an essential resource for conservationists and decision-makers wishing to consider the significance of Manx birds and their habitats.

This leaflet presents a summary of the BoCCIoM 2021 assessment results. The full report and data tables are available free at [www.ManxBirdLife.im/BoCCIoM](http://www.ManxBirdLife.im/BoCCIoM).

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# Key findings

Of 332 species on the official Manx List of Birds, all 166 regularly occurring species were fully assessed for BoCCIoM 2021. Of these, 48 (29%) were placed on the Red List, 68 (41%) on the Amber List and 50 on the Green List.



Skylark **RED**  
*Ushag happagh*



Linnet **RED**  
*Fillip-ny-kempey*



Yellowhammer **RED**  
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**48**  
species  
Red-listed

**68**  
species  
Amber-listed

**50**  
species  
Green-listed

**14**  
species no  
longer breed

**12**  
out of 16  
breeding sea-  
birds Red-listed

**48**  
ground-nesting  
species at risk

Ground-nesting species such as Curlew, Lapwing and Skylark are in jeopardy, threatened by loss of habitat, disturbance and predation. Seabirds such as Razorbill, Black Guillemot, Shag and Puffin are declining in the face of challenging local and global changes to their marine environment.

Even familiar birds such as Linnet, Meadow Pipit and Kestrel are declining—following on the heels of Yellowhammer and Corn Bunting which, although once abundant on the Isle of Man, are now extinct as native Manx birds.



Puffin Pibbin RED



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# The RED List *Y Rolley Jiarg*

Species of wild bird in the Isle of Man that are of greatest conservation concern

Teal	Black-tailed Godwit	Common Tern	Merlin
Pochard	Knot	Arctic Tern	Skylark
Eider	Curlew Sandpiper	Razorbill	Grasshopper Warbler
Long-tailed Duck	Woodcock	Black Guillemot	Ring Ouzel
Cuckoo	Snipe	Puffin	Redwing
Stock Dove	Redshank	Fulmar	Spotted Flycatcher
Water Rail	Kittiwake	Shag	Whinchat
Corn Crake	Black-headed Gull	Barn Owl	Tree Sparrow
Oystercatcher	Great Black-backed Gull	Long-eared Owl	Meadow Pipit
Lapwing	Herring Gull	Short-eared Owl	Twite
Curlew	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Kingfisher	Linnet
Bar-tailed Godwit	Little Tern	Kestrel	Yellowhammer

The full set of Red, Amber and Green Lists generated by BoCCIoM 2021 as well as details of former breeding species, potential colonists and threats, plus the detailed written report are available free at [www.ManxBirdLife.im/BoCCIoM](http://www.ManxBirdLife.im/BoCCIoM).

# Method



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## An effective, proven methodology

BoCCIoM 2021 closely follows the proven methodology of BoCC UK and BoCC Ireland—ensuring that the results are broadly comparable, while adjusting for the Isle of Man’s smaller territorial size.

The criteria used for the assessment include: recent and historical changes in population and range; localisation of both breeding and wintering ranges; breeding and wintering rarity; the importance of populations in an international context; and the current conservation status of species in a European and global context.

A species is Red- or Amber-listed if one or more of the assessed criteria for that species reaches the defined threshold.

Manx BirdLife is grateful to the many seasonal and volunteer surveyors who, over many years, have undertaken the fieldwork and reporting required to amass the extensive datasets used in this first ever BoCCIoM assessment.

## Full report

Full details of assessment methods, criteria and thresholds can be found at [www.ManxBirdLife.im/BoCCIoM](http://www.ManxBirdLife.im/BoCCIoM).



# The AMBER List *Y Rolley Amber*

Red Grouse	Moorhen	Manx Shearwater	Garden Warbler
Brent Goose	Coot	Cormorant	Lesser Whitethroat
Pink-footed Goose	Little Grebe	Grey Heron	Goldcrest
White-fronted Goose	Grey Plover	Little Egret	Starling
Mute Swan	Ringed Plover	Hen Harrier	Mistle Thrush
Whooper Swan	Turnstone	Buzzard	Black Redstart
Common Shelduck	Ruff	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Wheatear
Shoveler	Sanderling	Peregrine	House Sparrow
Gadwall	Dunlin	Chough	Yellow Wagtail
Mallard	Purple Sandpiper	Raven	Grey Wagtail
Pintail	Jack Snipe	Sand Martin	Tree Pipit
Tufted Duck	Common Sandpiper	Swallow	Brambling
Common Scoter	Common Gull	House Martin	Greenfinch
Goldeneye	Common Guillemot	Wood Warbler	Lesser Redpoll
Goosander	Red-throated Diver	Willow Warbler	Crossbill
Red-breasted Merganser	Black-throated Diver	Sedge Warbler	Snow Bunting
Swift	Great Northern Diver	Reed Warbler	Reed Bunting

BoCCIoM 2021 is endorsed by:



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For the full report, visit

[www.ManxBirdLife.im/BoCCIoM](http://www.ManxBirdLife.im/BoCCIoM)



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