



The Isle of Man

Christmas Bird Race 2023

Use this recording sheet to keep track of what you've seen, what's been reported and what is left to be looked for!

At the end of each day, the Manx BirdLife website will be updated with the total number of species reported so far during the race period, at:

www.manxbirdlife.im/recent-sightings/christmas-bird-race

Updates will also be posted on Manx BirdLife's Facebook page and Twitter account (see below). The most likely species to be seen are listed overleaf. Tick off each species as they are seen. Add in extra species if necessary.

Manx BirdLife Christmas Bird Race rules

- Spend as little or as much time as you wish looking for birds – on, above and around the Island and within Manx territorial waters.
- Sightings must be made during the 7-day period from Christmas Day to New Year's Eve inclusive (i.e. 00:01 on 25th Dec to 23:59 on 31st Dec).
- It isn't a competition! The aim is for birdwatchers across the island to work collectively to see the maximum number of species possible.
- Submit your sightings online at www.ManxBirdLife.im/sightings/submit, or via [Twitter @ManxBirdLife](https://twitter.com/ManxBirdLife) using the hashtag #ManxBirdRace, or via our www.facebook.com/ManxBirdLife page.
- For all sightings, please include your name, date, location (inc. OS Grid Reference if you know it), what you saw (species, how many) and any interesting aspects of what you saw.



Photographs of your sightings

We'd love you to share photographs of what you see with all of our Christmas Bird Racers. You can upload them using any of the methods for submitting your records listed above (website, Twitter, Facebook.)

What information should you report?

If you see a species that you don't think has yet been reported during the Christmas Bird Race period, please submit the record with the following information. Thank you!

- Your name
- Species name
- Location (inc. OS Grid Ref.)
- Date and Time
- Number of birds
- What the bird(s) were doing

Submit your sightings online at www.ManxBirdLife.im/sightings/submit, or via [Twitter @ManxBirdLife](https://twitter.com/ManxBirdLife) using the hashtag #ManxBirdRace, or via www.facebook.com/ManxBirdLife.

| Date | Total no. of species seen to date during this Bird Race |
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| 25 th Dec | |
| 26 th Dec | |
| 27 th Dec | |
| 28 th Dec | |
| 29 th Dec | |
| 30 th Dec | |
| 31 st Dec | |

A note on safety – for you and the birds

If you venture out in cold or wet conditions, make sure you have suitable clothing and footwear.

Take care when walking and, if you are going off the beaten track, make sure someone knows where you are going and when to expect you back.

Please respect private property. Taking part in the Isle of Man Christmas Bird Race does not imply or grant any permission to enter onto private property.

Please respect the welfare of birds and other wildlife when taking part.

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IOM Christmas Bird Race 2023: My species checklist

| Species | Seen during race (tick) | Date first seen by me | Species | Seen during race (tick) | Date first seen by me | Species | Seen during race (tick) | Date first seen by me | Species | Seen during race (tick) | Date first seen by me | Species | Seen during race (tick) | Date first seen by me |
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| Mute Swan | | | Red-throated Diver | | | Purple Sandpiper | | | Short-eared Owl | | | Redwing | | |
| Whooper Swan | | | Black-throated Diver | | | Grey Phalarope | | | Kingfisher | | | Mistle Thrush | | |
| Pink-footed Goose | | | Great Northern Diver | | | Redshank | | | Great Spotted Woodpecker | | | Robin | | |
| Greylag Goose | | | Fulmar | | | Jack Snipe | | | Kestrel | | | Black Redstart | | |
| Canada Goose | | | Gannet | | | Woodcock | | | Merlin | | | Stonechat | | |
| Barnacle Goose | | | Cormorant | | | Snipe | | | Peregrine | | | Dunnock | | |
| Brent Goose | | | Shag | | | Puffin | | | Chough | | | House Sparrow | | |
| Shelduck | | | Bittern | | | Black Guillemot | | | Magpie | | | Tree Sparrow | | |
| Wigeon | | | Little Egret | | | Razorbill | | | Jackdaw | | | Grey Wagtail | | |
| Gadwall | | | Grey Heron | | | Little Auk | | | Rook | | | Pied Wagtail | | |
| Teal | | | Little Grebe | | | Guillemot | | | Carrion Crow | | | Meadow Pipit | | |
| Mallard | | | Great Crested Grebe | | | Little Gull | | | Hooded Crow | | | Rock Pipit | | |
| Pintail | | | Hen Harrier | | | Sabine's Gull | | | Raven | | | Water Pipit | | |
| Shoveler | | | Sparrowhawk | | | Kittiwake | | | Goldcrest | | | Brambling | | |
| Pochard | | | Buzzard | | | Black-headed Gull | | | Blue Tit | | | Chaffinch | | |
| Tufted Duck | | | Water Rail | | | Mediterranean Gull | | | Great Tit | | | Greenfinch | | |
| Scaup | | | Moorhen | | | Common Gull | | | Coal Tit | | | Linnet | | |
| Eider | | | Coot | | | Lesser Black-backed Gull | | | Skylark | | | Twite | | |
| Long-tailed Duck | | | Oystercatcher | | | Herring Gull | | | Long-tailed Tit | | | Lesser Redpoll | | |
| Common Scoter | | | Grey Plover | | | Yellow-legged Gull | | | Chiffchaff | | | Mealy Redpoll | | |
| Velvet Scoter | | | Golden Plover | | | Iceland Gull | | | Blackcap | | | Common Crossbill | | |
| Goldeneye | | | Ringed Plover | | | Glaucous Gull | | | Waxwing | | | Goldfinch | | |
| Smew | | | Lapwing | | | Great Black-backed Gull | | | Treecreeper | | | Siskin | | |
| Red-breasted Merganser | | | Curlew | | | Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon | | | Wren | | | Snow Bunting | | |
| Goosander | | | Bar-tailed Godwit | | | Stock Dove | | | Starling | | | Lapland Bunting | | |
| Red-legged Partridge | | | Turnstone | | | Woodpigeon | | | Dipper | | | Yellowhammer | | |
| Red Grouse | | | Knot | | | Collared Dove | | | Blackbird | | | Reed Bunting | | |
| Grey Partridge | | | Sanderling | | | Barn Owl | | | Fieldfare | | | | | |
| Pheasant | | | Dunlin | | | Long-eared Owl | | | Song Thrush | | | | | |