

Manx Ringing Group annual report 2011



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Ringling Report

2011 was another excellent year for the Manx Ringing Group. We had a second, consecutive record year for numbers ringed and we also started another project, on **Cormorants**, as well as expanding our **Herring Gull** project to include the other locally breeding '**Large Gulls**'.

Our other, existing projects ran very well with good numbers of all our target species being ringed and by the end of the year we were already getting some interesting results via re-sightings of the colour ringed birds. We joined the **North West Black-headed Gull study** this year, bringing the number of group projects that we assist to 3 (**North West Swan Study Group**, **North West Twite Project** and the **North West Black-headed Gull study**).

2011 most ringed species	Total
Linnet	676
Goldfinch	641
Blue Tit	589
Great Tit	507
Chaffinch	279
House Sparrow	264
Sand Martin	216
Coal Tit	164
Herring Gull	143
Swallow	141
Meadow Pipit	141

A total of 5044 of 74 species were ringed during the year. The total consists of 4358 fully grown birds and 686 pulli (nestlings), see the table to the left for the most ringed species during the year. Species highlights included **Fulmar**, **Manx Shearwater**, **Eider**, **Whimbrel**, **Kittiwake**, **Little Tern**, **Great Spotted Woodpecker**, **Black Redstart**, **Grasshopper Warbler**, **Carrion Crow** and **Brambling**.

Some specially targeted ringing attempts produced some excellent results this year. One example being several nights 'dazzling' during the peak migration period for **Whimbrel** resulted in 9 being caught – almost 10% of the 2011 national total for this UK red-listed, long-distance migrant wader.

Ringing on the Isle of Man, as elsewhere, is heavily weather dependant and we often struggle with the stronger winds associated with coastal locations. As such we have to use various methods to carry out our work. The table to the right shows the numbers of fully grown birds caught by the four most commonly used methods during the year.

Catching method	Total
Mist net	2515
Woosh Net	1411
Spring Trap	96
Dazzling	84

Our colour ringing projects had another good year. Firstly, the long running **Chough** colour ringing project resulted in a further 65 **Chough** pulli being colour ringed from 18 nests. The colour ringing of **Choughs** is done in co-operation with the **Manx Chough Project** to allow the study of individual **Choughs** over their lifetime.



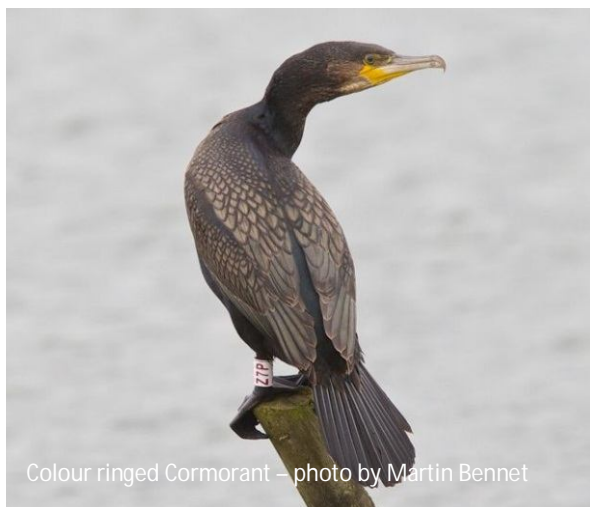
Our '**Large Gull**' project expanded to include **Lesser Black-backed Gull** and **Great Black-backed Gull** alongside the existing **Herring Gull** colour ringing. During the year we colour ringed almost 160 gulls, including 74 pulli at the Point of Ayre Cemex Quarry and the nearby Dept of Infrastructure Landfill sites thanks to the kind access permission granted by them. The Calf of Man Bird Observatory also used 50 of our colour rings on **Herring Gull** pulli during the summer – our thanks to the warden there. We have had some very interesting re-sightings already – see the recoveries section of this report.

The **Rock Pipit** colour ringing project continued with a further 72 birds colour ringed on the Island and 1 on the Calf of Man – over 16% of the national total for this species. The early results of the re-sighting information suggest that rather than receive an influx of migrants in the autumn, what actually occurs is that the local breeding population congregate on a few favoured beaches for the winter resulting in large numbers seen at locations such as Port Moar and Niarbyl.



We had excellent results with the **Mute Swan** colour ringing project this year, with almost every adult **Mute Swan** on the Island (that we know of) now being colour ringed. We are now in a position to try and identify all the locally breeding pairs and where they spend the non-breeding season. We will also be able to identify recruitment into the local breeding population and whether this is from locally hatched cygnets or birds from off-island. What is already known is that the vast majority of the local breeding population gather in either Ramsey or Castletown harbours each autumn. There is even some interchange between the two sites during the winter.

93 **Twite** were caught and colour ringed near the Point of Ayre as part of the **North West Twite Project**. See the recoveries section for some interesting re-sightings already!



A very exciting project began this year on **Cormorants**, colour ringing the nestlings at the colony at Maughold. 97 **Cormorants** were colour ringed this year and we have already received re-sightings of these birds as far afield as Aberdeen in the North and Hampshire in the South! As Cormorants take 3 years to reach breeding maturity then it will be another couple of years before we get to see if the locally hatched young return to breed after their travels or whether these wanderers never come back. See the recoveries section for the results so far.

Our work does not just involve ringing however. Through our monitoring of nests to enable us to ring the young once they hatch, we also completed 151 BTO Nest Records on 13 different species. These are a standardised record of each nest detailing everything from location, nest structure, habitat, altitude, dates of nest building, egg laying, incubation, hatching, ringing and fledging of the young. We are amongst the most important sources of nest record data to the BTO on species such as **Chough** and **Hen Harrier** in the British Isles, submitting almost 90% of all their annual nest record data on **Chough** for many years now. This combined with ringing and re-sighting data, allow conservation scientists to produce very thorough data on the species and therefore allow the policy makers to make educated decisions on species conservation.

Keeping on the subject of nests, our long-running projects studying the nest boxes at both Close Sartfield MWT reserve and the Curraghs Wildlife Park continued this year with 94 nest records completed and 232 nestlings being ringed between the two sites. Fledging success appears to have been good with a very high percentage of the nest boxes being successful although post-fledging survival in **Blue Tits** and **Great Tits** seems to have been generally poor overall with low numbers of first year birds of these species being caught in the autumn and winter. This could well be due to the poor weather during the summer resulting in the inexperienced young birds struggling to survive. Ringers elsewhere in the North West region have also noted similar results this year.



Contributors during 2011

A very special thank you goes to the generous financial support given to the Manx Ringing Group by the Manx Ornithological Society in helping towards the cost of purchasing the rings used on the Island this year. Without such generosity we would not be able to carry out so many special projects. With the cost of rings used during 2011 being just over £1000, we would welcome any further donations towards the cost of the rings used on the Island.

A huge amount of work and effort went into obtaining the excellent results for the ringing group this year and my thanks go to the other Island based ringers Sean Gray, Chris Sharpe, Dave Sharpe and trainee Kay Collister for all their efforts. Thanks too to the several visiting ringers who helped us during the year – Mark Fitzpatrick, Kane Brides, Andy Jowett and Jeremy & Naomi Barker.

Of course we could not carry out our work if it were not for the numerous landowners who generously give us permission to access their land so a huge thank you goes to the following companies, organisations and people: Manx Wildlife Trust, Manx National Heritage, Dept of Infrastructure (Waste Operations Unit), Dept of Infrastructure (Harbours), Dept of Environment, Food & Agriculture (Forestry Division), Dept of Community, Culture & Leisure (Curraghs Wildlife Park), Cemex (Point of Ayre quarry), MSPCA, Billown Estate, Judith Burn, Ron & Hazel Crellin, Christine & Barry Sloper, Steve & Sue Colvin, Liz & Glenn Jensen, Ian Scott, Les Kneale and the many, many farmers who so enthusiastically granted us access to their land and buildings.

Reporting of ringed birds is essential to the science behind all the effort of ringing them in the first place so we are always extremely grateful to those who contact us about ringed birds they have found or seen. Thanks go to the following people who contacted us directly during 2011: Adam Denard, Allen Moore (Manx Chough project), Annabel Rushton, Antonio Gutierrez, Becki Barnes, Bob Chapman, Brian Liggins, Chris Honan, Claire Bennet, Dan Forder, David Henderson, David Wright, Gordon Avery, Jenny Dunn, Jenny Corran, John Collister, John Donnelly, John Oddy, Mike Mills, Mr Kelly, Peter Kinsella, Rafa Garcia, Raymond Duncan, Richard Norris, Richard Selman, Roni Gawne, Salva Garcia, Sean Kingston, Simon Davies, Steve White, Tom Cooney and Tony Charker.

If you come across a ringed bird, either by reading/photographing 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 you have one, a photograph showing the ring number would also be very useful.

The details can be sent to the Manx BirdLife offices at 35 New Road, Laxey IM4 7BG, by telephone (01624) 861130 or by email to the ringing group secretary at manxrg@gmail.com.

All records received will be acknowledged with a full history of the birds known movements and we will list your contribution in the annual ringing report.

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
- Sean's blog – www.training-to-ring-birds.blogspot.com

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 2011

The following table lists the ringling totals for each species caught during 2011.

	Full grown	Pulli	Total
Fulmar	1	0	1
Manx Shearwater	2	0	2
Storm Petrel	4	0	4
Cormorant	0	101	101
Mute Swan	24	0	24
Canada Goose	2	0	2
Mallard	22	0	22
Eider	1	0	1
Sparrowhawk	2	3	5
Oystercatcher	14	4	18
Ringed Plover	17	3	20
Knot	1	0	1
Sanderling	11	0	11
Dunlin	30	0	30
Whimbrel	9	0	9
Curlew	2	0	2
Turnstone	21	0	21
Black-headed Gull	9	0	9
Common Gull	3	0	3
Lesser Black-backed Gull	4	10	14
Herring Gull	81	62	143
Great Black-backed Gull	0	2	2
Kittiwake	1	0	1
Arctic Tern	1	0	1
Little Tern	9	0	9
Guillemot	23	0	23
Woodpigeon	2	0	2
Collared Dove	1	0	1
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1	0	1
Sand Martin	216	0	216
Swallow	13	128	141
House Martin	2	0	2
Meadow Pipit	141	0	141
Rock Pipit	72	0	72
Pied/White Wagtail	9	3	12
Wren	13	0	13
Dunnock	48	0	48
Robin	64	0	64
Black Redstart	1	0	1
Stonechat	6	0	6
Wheatear	15	0	15
Blackbird	72	2	74
Song Thrush	6	0	6

	Full grown	Pulli	Total
Redwing	6	0	6
Grasshopper Warbler	1	0	1
Sedge Warbler	24	0	24
Whitethroat	2	0	2
Blackcap	46	0	46
Chiffchaff	14	0	14
Willow Warbler	51	0	51
Goldcrest	13	0	13
Long-tailed Tit	37	0	37
Coal Tit	164	0	164
Blue Tit	478	111	589
Great Tit	393	114	507
Treecreeper	4	0	4
Magpie	1	0	1
Chough	2	65	67
Jackdaw	9	4	13
Rook	11	0	11
Carrion Crow	1	0	1
Hooded Crow	5	0	5
Starling	23	0	23
House Sparrow	216	48	264
Tree Sparrow	7	26	33
Chaffinch	279	0	279
Brambling	3	0	3
Greenfinch	39	0	39
Goldfinch	641	0	641
Siskin	129	0	129
Linnet	676	0	676
Twite	93	0	93
Lesser Redpoll	6	0	6
Reed Bunting	8	0	8
Total:	4358	686	5044



Willow Warbler – Close Sartfield

Re-trap/Re-sighting totals 2011

The following table lists the re-trap/re-sighting totals of ringed birds for each species during 2011.

	<u>Total</u>
Cormorant	11
Mute Swan	120
Whooper Swan	3
Canada Goose	1
Brent Goose	8
Oystercatcher	1
Ringed Plover	1
Dunlin	2
Whimbrel	1
Turnstone	1
Lesser Black-backed Gull	5
Herring Gull	35
Great Black-backed Gull	1
Little Tern	3
Sand Martin	6
Meadow Pipit	1
Rock Pipit	81
Pied/White Wagtail	1
Wren	3
Duncock	7
Robin	9
Blackbird	4
Sedge Warbler	8
Willow Warbler	3
Goldcrest	1
Long-tailed Tit	2
Coal Tit	48
Blue Tit	149
Great Tit	138
Treecreeper	1
Chough	62
House Sparrow	10
Tree Sparrow	3
Chaffinch	14
Greenfinch	1
Goldfinch	42
Siskin	22
Linnet	54
Twite	35
Total:	898

Recapture & Recovery History 2011

Ring Number	Age	Capture Date	Details
Storm Petrel			
2557983	4	21/07/10	St. Michael's Island, Isle of Man
	4 Recaptured	12/07/11	Calf of Man, Isle of Man (14 km, W, 356 days)
2639054	4	22/08/09	Sheepland Harbour, Ardglass, Down
	4 Recaptured	20/07/10	St. Michael's Isle, Isle of Man (67 km, ESE, 332 days)
	4 Recaptured	12/07/11	Calf of Man, Isle of Man (55 km, ESE, 1 yr 324days)

Another disappointing year for Storm Petrel catching with poor weather on all but 2 of the available nights, resulting in no controls caught and these 2 records refer to birds caught in previous years.

Cormorant			
5255562	1	17/06/10	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	0 Long dead	19/03/11	Dunlugas, Turriff, Aberdeenshire (382 km, NNE, 275 days)
5255576	1	17/06/10	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	0 Dead	29/03/11	Hay-a-Park, Knaresborough, North Yorks (189 km, E, 285 days)
5264253	1	09/06/11	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	3 Sighted	13/09/11	Kirkcudbright, Dumfries and Galloway (64 km, NNE, 96 days)
5264273	1	09/06/11	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	3 Sighted	25/09/11	Blashford Lakes NR, Hampshire (418 km, SSE, 108 days)
5264285	1	09/06/11	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	3 Sighted	04/10/11	Seaforth, Liverpool, Merseyside (126 km, SE, 117 days)
5264294	1	09/06/11	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	3 Sighted	20/08/11	Aberdeen Harbour, Aberdeenshire (345 km, NNE, 72 days)
	3 Sighted	27/08/11	Aberdeen Harbour, Aberdeenshire (345 km, NNE, 79 days)
	3 Sighted	11/09/11	Aberdeen Harbour, Aberdeenshire (345 km, NNE, 94 days)
	3 Sighted	17/09/11	Aberdeen Harbour, Aberdeenshire (345 km, NNE, 100 days)
	3 Sighted	24/09/11	Aberdeen Harbour, Aberdeenshire (345 km, NNE, 107 days)
5264297	1	09/06/11	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	3 Sighted	30/08/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (11 km, N, 82 days)
	3 Sighted	03/11/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (13 km, N, 147 days)
5264300	1	09/06/11	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	0 Sighted	26/10/11	Seaforth, Liverpool, Merseyside (126 km, SE, 139 days)
5264301	1	09/06/11	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	0 Dead	19/10/11	Powfoot, Dumfries and Galloway (97 km, NE, 132 days)
5264303	1	09/06/11	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	0 Sighted	17/08/11	Firth of Forth, Edinburgh (199 km, NNE, 69 days)

Ring Number	Age	Capture	Date	Details
Cormorant cont'd				
5264337	1		09/06/11	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	0	Dead	01/10/11	near Carnfroth, Lancashire (102 km, ESE, 114 days)
5264344	1		09/06/11	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	3	Sighted	17/09/11	Seaforth, Liverpool, Merseyside (126 km, SE, 100 days)
	3	Sighted	30/09/11	Seaforth, Liverpool, Merseyside (126 km, SE, 113 days)
5264347	1		09/06/11	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	0	Dead	13/09/11	River Dee, near Llandrillo, Denbighshire (164 km, SSE, 96 days)
5267310	1		10/07/11	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	3	Sighted	15/09/11	Piccots End Pools, Hemel Hempstead, Herts (380 km, SE, 67 days)
5267312	1		10/07/11	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	0	Dead	07/10/11	Rhyl, Denbighshire (123 km, SSE, 89 days)
5267313	1		10/07/11	Stack Mooar, Isle of Man
	3	Sighted	29/09/11	Seaforth, Liverpool, Merseyside (126 km, SE, 81 days)
	3	Sighted	30/09/11	Seaforth, Liverpool, Merseyside (126 km, SE, 82 days)

An excellent start to our colour ringing project on the local Cormorant population with 8 of this year's young birds re-sighted as far afield as Aberdeen and Hampshire! It will be several years before these birds start to breed so we will have to wait to confirm if these wanderers return to the Island to nest. It is interesting to see that several birds were found dead or re-sighted well inland on reservoirs or rivers showing how versatile a species the Cormorant is when finding a source of food.

Mute Swan

W07407	5		11/01/11	Ramsey (HAR), Isle of Man
	5	Sighted	30/01/11	Ramsey (HAR), Isle of Man (19 days)
	5	Sighted	03/03/11	Ramsey (HAR), Isle of Man (51 days)
	5	Sighted	08/07/11	Parton, nr Whitehaven, Cumbria (57 km, ENE, 178 days)
	5	Sighted	06/08/11	Ravenglass, Cumbria (62 km, E, 207 days)
W07408	5		11/01/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man
	5	Sighted	30/01/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (19 days)
	5	Sighted	09/09/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (33 km, SW, 241 days)
W07409	8		20/01/11	Castletown, Isle of Man
	8	Sighted	11/03/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (50 days)
	8	Sighted	23/03/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (62 days)
	6	Sighted	12/04/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (82 days)
	6	Sighted	25/04/11	Strandhall, Isle of Man (4 km, WNW, 95 days)

Ring Number	Age	Capture	Date	Details
Mute Swan cont'd				
W07409 cont'd				
	6	Sighted	09/08/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (201 days)
	6	Sighted	30/08/11	near Scarlett, Isle of Man (222 days)
	6	Sighted	09/09/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (232 days)
	6	Sighted	18/10/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (271 days)
W30901	6F		21/12/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man
	8	Sighted	11/01/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (21 days)
	8	Sighted	30/01/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (40 days)
	8	Sighted	03/03/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (72 days)
	8	Sighted	23/03/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (33 km, SW, 92 days)
	6F	Sighted	20/04/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (33 km, SW, 120 days)
	6	Sighted	15/09/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (268 days)
	6	Sighted	17/10/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (300 days)
	6	Sighted	18/10/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (301 days)
W30903	6M		21/12/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man
	8	Sighted	11/01/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (21 days)
	8	Sighted	30/01/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (40 days)
	8	Sighted	03/03/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (72 days)
	6	Sighted	09/08/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (33 km, SW, 231 days)
	6	Sighted	12/11/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (326 days)
W30904	6		21/12/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man
	8M	Sighted	30/01/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (40 days)
	6M	Sighted	02/04/11	Derbyhaven, Isle of Man (32 km, SSW, 102 days)
	6M	Sighted	03/04/11	Derbyhaven, Isle of Man (32 km, SSW, 103 days)
	6	Sighted	09/08/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (33 km, SW, 231 days)
	6	Sighted	30/08/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (33 km, SW, 252 days)
	6	Sighted	09/09/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (33 km, SW, 262 days)
W30905	6M		21/12/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man
	8M	Sighted	30/01/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (40 days)
	6M	Sighted	05/09/11	Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (9 km, N, 258 days)
W30907	8		20/01/11	Castletown, Isle of Man
	8	Sighted	23/03/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (62 days)
	6	Sighted	25/04/11	Strandhall, Isle of Man (4 km, WNW, 95 days)
	6	Sighted	09/09/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (232 days)
W30908	8		20/01/11	Castletown, Isle of Man
	6	Sighted	20/04/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (90 days)
	6	Sighted	30/08/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (222 days)
	6	Sighted	09/09/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (232 days)
	6	Sighted	18/10/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (33 km, NE, 271 days)
	6	Sighted	12/11/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (33 km, NE, 296 days)

Ring Number	Age	Capture	Date	Details
Mute Swan cont'd				
W30909	8		30/01/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man
	6	Sighted	09/08/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (33 km, SW, 191 days)
	6	Sighted	09/09/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (33 km, SW, 222 days)
	6	Sighted	18/10/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (33 km, SW, 261 days)
	6	Dead	11/11/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (33 km, SW, 285 days)
W30911	5		31/01/11	near Ballasalla, Isle of Man
	5	Sighted	09/08/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (2 km, S, 190 days)
	5	Sighted	30/08/11	near Scarlett, Isle of Man (2 km, S, 211 days)
	5	Sighted	09/09/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (2 km, S, 221 days)
	5	Sighted	18/10/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (2 km, S, 260 days)
W30912	5		31/01/11	near Ballasalla, Isle of Man
	5	Sighted	18/10/11	Eary, near Foxdale, Isle of Man (8 km, NNE, 260 days)
W30913	5		31/01/11	Billown, Isle of Man
	5	Sighted	23/03/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (2 km, SSE, 51 days)
	5	Sighted	12/04/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (2 km, SSE, 71 days)
	5	Sighted	17/10/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (32 km, NE, 259 days)
	5	Sighted	18/10/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (32 km, NE, 260 days)
W30914	5		31/01/11	Billown, Isle of Man
	5	Sighted	11/03/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (2 km, SSE, 39 days)
	5	Sighted	23/03/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (2 km, SSE, 51 days)
	5	Sighted	12/04/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (2 km, SSE, 71 days)
	5	Sighted	09/08/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (2 km, SSE, 190 days)
W30917	8M		23/03/11	Castletown, Isle of Man
	6M	Sighted	20/04/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (28 days)
	6	Sighted	30/08/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (160 days)
	6	Sighted	09/09/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (170 days)
	6	Sighted	17/10/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (33 km, NE, 208 days)
	6	Sighted	18/10/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (33 km, NE, 209 days)
	6	Sighted	12/11/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (33 km, NE, 234 days)
U0326	6M		26/07/90	Ramsey, Isle of Man
W30919	6M	Recaptured	17/05/11	Derbyhaven, Isle of Man (32 km, SSW, 20 yrs 295days)
	6	Into care	09/09/11	Eary, near Foxdale, Isle of Man (25 km, SW, 21 yrs 45days)
	6	Released	15/09/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (32 km, SW, 21 yrs 51days)
X2284	8		13/04/06	Billown, Isle of Man
	8	Sighted	11/01/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (32 km, NE, 4 yrs 273days)
	8	Sighted	30/01/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (32 km, NE, 4 yrs 292days)
	6	Dead	02/05/11	Castletown, Isle of Man (2 km, SSE, 5 yrs 19days)
X2285	8F		08/06/06	Eary, near Foxdale, Isle of Man
	8	Sighted	30/01/11	Laxey Head, Isle of Man (16 km, ENE, 4 yrs 236days)

Ring Number	Age	Capture	Date	Details
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Mute Swan cont'd

ZZ7452	5F		04/10/08	Whitehaven Dock, Cumbria
	8	Sighted	30/01/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (56 km, WSW, 2 yrs 118days)

A selection of the 120 re-sightings of colour ringed Mute Swans during 2011. W07407 was seen twice off the Cumbrian coast during its summer moult, in company with 6 other first year Mute Swans but it returned to Ramsey harbour the following winter. A number of the birds show a relatively high frequency of exchange between Castletown in the South and Ramsey in the North of the Island. U0326 was given a new metal ring on 17/05/2011 having worn the old one out! It was taken into care by the MSPCA in Sept but was released fit and well again near Castletown.

Whooper Swan

ISR.A8399	6M		05/08/08	Vatnashlid, Skagafjordur, ICELAND
	6	Sighted	01/01/11	Martin Mere WWT, Lancashire (1616 km, SE, 2 yrs 149days)
	6	Sighted	24/01/11	Glascoe Farm, Isle of Man (1497 km, SE, 2 yrs 172days)
	6	Sighted	27/01/11	Glascoe Farm, Isle of Man (1497 km, SE, 2 yrs 175days)
ZZ7985	8F		14/01/07	Caerlaverok WWT reserve, Dumfries and Galloway
	8	Sighted	06/02/11	Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (84 km, SW, 4 yrs 23days)

Both these Whooper Swans were identified from colour rings from the population study by the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust.

Canada Goose

5148670	1		04/06/92	Castletown, Isle of Man
	6	Sighted	31/01/11	Billown, Isle of Man (2 km, NNW, 18 yrs 241days)

A very good age for this locally hatched Canada Goose (the ring number being read whilst the bird fed close by).

Brent Goose

73LY	6M		21/05/06	Palshus, Sudur-Pingeyjarsysla, ICELAND
	6	Sighted	13/03/11	St. Michael's Isle, Isle of Man (1530 km, SE, 4 yrs 296days)
J4YY	6F		12/05/07	Jorfi, Alftanes, Borgarfjardarsysla, ICELAND
	6	Sighted	13/03/11	St. Michael's Isle, Isle of Man (1518 km, SE, 3 yrs 305days)
	4	Sighted	20/11/11	Derbyhaven, Isle of Man (1517 km, SE, 4 yrs 192days)
C3WW	5F		09/01/08	Dundrum South Bay, Down
	4	Sighted	07/10/11	Mooragh, Ramsey, Isle of Man (96 km, E, 3 yrs 271days)
CLBW	5F		17/05/04	Blautos, Akranes peninsular, Dalasysla, ICELAND
	6	Sighted	13/03/11	St. Michael's Isle, Isle of Man (1524 km, SE, 6 yrs 300days)
NPWB	5M		13/02/09	North Slobs, Wexford Harbour, EIRE
	4	Sighted	11/03/11	Langness, Isle of Man (225 km, NNE, 2 yrs 26days)

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Brent Goose cont'd

SHWR	6F		11/02/10	Baldoyle Bay, Dublin, EIRE
	4	Sighted	07/10/11	Mooragh, Ramsey, Isle of Man (153 km, NE, 1 yr 238days)
TVWR	6M		11/02/10	Baldoyle Bay, Dublin, EIRE
	4	Sighted	07/10/11	Mooragh, Ramsey, Isle of Man (153 km, NE, 1 yr 238days)

These light-bellied Brent Geese were all identified by colour rings from the project by the Irish Brent Goose Study team. Note that only the local records from 2011 are shown above. J4YY, 73LY and CLBW have all been seen on the Island in previous years. SHWR & TVWR are a breeding pair and were seen with their 5 offspring from this year's successful breeding attempt in Arctic Canada when seen at The Mooragh in October.

Oystercatcher

FA99928	8		16/11/96	Whiteford Point, Swansea
	8	Sighted	04/02/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (296 km, N, 14 yrs 80days)

Sean photographed this Oystercatcher and was able to read the ring number from the photographs. Most local movements of ringed Oystercatchers involve Wales (2 from Wales, 2 to Wales, 1 to Shetland and 1 to France).

Ringed Plover

NW01123	4F		24/07/09	near Rue Point, Isle of Man
	4F	Recaptured	13/06/11	Rue Point, Isle of Man (2 km, E, 1 yr 324days)

A locally breeding female, re-caught at the nest just under 2 years after being caught at night in July 2009.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

GN46431	10		11/05/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man
	10	Sighted	26/10/11	El Puerto de Santa Maria, Cadiz, SPAIN (1988 km, S, 168 days)
GR21798	10		18/05/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man
	10	Sighted	11/07/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (54 days)
GR21816	1		01/07/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man
	3	Sighted	19/11/11	Malaga harbour, SPAIN (1966 km, S, 141 days)
GR21821	1		01/07/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man
	3	Dead	25/07/11	Point of Ayre Gravel Pits, Isle of Man (1 km, W, 24 days)
GR21822	1		01/07/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man
	3	Sighted	16/11/11	Quarteira Harbour, Faro, PORTUGAL (1947 km, S, 138 days)

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Lesser Black-backed Gull cont'd

GR21824	1		01/07/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man
	3	Sighted	30/08/11	Pantin beach, Valdovino, Coruna, SPAIN (1227 km, SSW, 60 days)

A fantastic set of re-sightings from our colour ringing project on Gulls. Out of the 11 Lesser Black-backed Gulls colour ringed in 2011 we had 4 seen in Iberia this autumn (1 locally breeding adult and 3 chicks). A superb start to our colour ringing of Lesser Black-backs!

Herring Gull

GC60476	1		23/06/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man
	3	Sighted	19/10/11	Peel Bay, Peel, Isle of Man (29 km, SW, 118 days)
GC60480	1		05/07/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man
	3	Sighted	24/09/11	West Pier, Howth, Dublin, EIRE (159 km, SW, 81 days)
GH72648	1		27/06/89	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	10	Sighted	10/03/11	Port St Mary, Isle of Man (6 km, ENE, 21 yrs 256days)
GN46424	10		16/07/10	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man
	10	Sighted	09/08/11	Port St Mary Bay, Isle of Man (2 km, SSW, 1 yr 24days)
GN46444	1		30/06/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man
	3	Sighted	06/10/11	Peel Bay, Peel, Isle of Man (29 km, SW, 98 days)
GN53191	1		10/07/07	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	10	Recaptured	11/03/11	Port St Mary Bay, Isle of Man (6 km, ENE, 3 yrs 244days)
GR08538	1		27/06/11	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	3	Sighted	23/09/11	West Pier, Howth, Dublin, EIRE (111 km, SW, 88 days)
	3	Sighted	24/09/11	West Pier, Howth, Dublin, EIRE (111 km, SW, 89 days)
	3	Sighted	29/09/11	Dun Laoghaire, Dublin, EIRE (122 km, SW, 94 days)
GR08623	1		06/07/11	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	3	Sighted	06/10/11	Peel Bay, Peel, Isle of Man (20 km, NNE, 92 days)
GR21775	3		16/11/10	Peel Bay, Peel, Isle of Man
	0	Dead	18/01/11	near The Stack, Peel Bay, Isle of Man (63 days)
GR21781	10		18/12/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man
	10	Sighted	20/12/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man (2 days)
	10	Sighted	02/02/11	Port Moor, near Maughold, Isle of Man (4 km, SSE, 46 days)
GR21832	1		12/07/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man
	3	Sighted	05/09/11	Phurt, nr Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (2 km, S, 55 days)

Almost 200 Herring Gulls were colour ringed this year, with just over 60 chicks ringed on the main Island and 50 on the Calf of Man. A few of these first year birds from the Calf of Man & Point of Ayre have been recorded in Peel and also Dublin Bay, Eire.

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Great Black-backed Gull

MA29126	1		25/06/11	Irleand's Eye, Dublin, EIRE
	3	Sighted	08/12/11	Peel Bay, Peel, Isle of Man (128 km, NE, 166 days)

This Great Black-backed Gull wearing a colour ring was photographed by Sean at Peel breakwater. It is from a project on large Gulls from Dublin Bay.

Little Tern

NV94439	1		23/06/99	The Ayres, Isle of Man
	8	Recaptured	31/05/11	The Ayres, Isle of Man (11 yrs 342days)
NV94440	1		23/06/99	The Ayres, Isle of Man
	8	Recaptured	01/06/11	The Ayres, Isle of Man (11 yrs 343days)
NV95538	1		24/07/98	Great Yarmouth North Beach, Norfolk
	8	Recaptured	01/06/11	The Ayres, Isle of Man (453 km, WNW, 12 yrs 312days)

Two locally hatched Little Terns found nesting 12 years after being ringed at the same site in the North of the Island and one from the large colony at Great Yarmouth too. An excellent set of results from the long-term ringing of this small, but important colony of this species.

Sand Martin

X308602	3J		30/07/09	Oxmoor Wood, near Runcorn, Halton
	4F	Recaptured	13/07/11	Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (161 km, NW, 1 yr 348days)
X431115	4F		29/07/10	Point of Ayre, Isle of Man
	4F	Recaptured	28/06/11	Langa Quarry, Campbeltown, Argyll & Bute (144 km, NW, 334days)
X431365	4		18/08/10	Point of Ayre, Isle of Man
	4F	Recaptured	13/07/11	Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (329 days)
X431370	3		18/08/10	Point of Ayre, Isle of Man
	4F	Recaptured	26/07/11	Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (342 days)
	4F	Recaptured	01/08/11	Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (348 days)

X431365 & X431370 are returning birds from last year (an adult and a first year bird) re-caught at one of the colonies near the Point of Ayre. Also a bird originally caught at a site on the Manchester Ship Canal near to Fiddlers Ferry Power Station at Halton caught at the nesting colony here this year and a female caught at the nesting colony near POA in 2010 recaptured by ringers at a nesting colony in Scotland this year.

Ring Number	Age	Capture	Date	Details
Rock Pipit				
2589305	3		03/08/10	Port Mooar, Isle of Man
	5	Recaptured	16/02/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (4 km, NNW, 197 days)
	4	Sighted	17/02/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (4 km, NNW, 198 days)
	2	Sighted	12/11/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man (4 km, NNW, 1 yr 101 days)
2589338	3		02/11/10	Ramsey, Isle of Man
	2	Sighted	06/01/11	Port Lewaigue, Isle of Man (2 km, SSE, 65 days)
	2	Sighted	04/09/11	Port Mooar, Isle of Man (4 km, SSE, 306 days)
2589350	5		17/02/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man
	2	Sighted	13/11/11	Port Mooar, Isle of Man (4 km, SSE, 269 days)
	2	Sighted	23/11/11	Port Mooar, Isle of Man (4 km, SSE, 279 days)
	3	Recaptured	01/12/11	Port Mooar, Isle of Man (103 days)
	3	Recaptured	07/12/11	Port Mooar, Isle of Man (109 days)
2589382	3		20/09/11	Ramsey, Isle of Man
	2	Sighted	11/12/11	Rue Point, Isle of Man (10 km, NNW, 82 days)
2621835	5		20/01/11	Poyllvaaish, Isle of Man
	4M	Sighted	02/04/11	Caigher Point, Calf of Man (9 km, WSW, 72 days)
	4M	Sighted	28/04/11	Caigher Point, Calf of Man (9 km, WSW, 98 days)

Almost 100 Rock Pipits have now been colour ringed on the Island. Only 2 birds have shown any movement over 5km with a bird from Poyllvaaish being seen holding territory on the Calf of Man in April and a bird ringed at Ramsey being seen and photographed by Brian Liggins at Rue Point 3 months later. It is hoped to try and get some re-sightings of birds on their breeding territories to see how far they range from their wintering sites.

Pied Wagtail

L807647	3		19/12/10	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man
	4	Sighted	04/02/11	Port Mooar, Isle of Man (2 km, S, 47 days)

This Pied Wagtails ring number was read from photographs taken when it was seen at Port Mooar.

Sedge Warbler

V078972	4		30/07/10	Curragh Beg, nr Dog Mills, Isle of Man
	4	Recaptured	18/04/11	Curragh Beg, nr Dog Mills, Isle of Man (262 days)
	4	Recaptured	24/04/11	Curragh Beg, nr Dog Mills, Isle of Man (268 days)
	4	Recaptured	30/05/11	Curragh Beg, nr Dog Mills, Isle of Man (304 days)

This is a locally breeding male returning to hold territory at this reed-bed site for (at least) its second year.

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Coal Tit

L983756	3		28/09/11	St John's, Isle of Man
	3	Recaptured	20/10/11	Calf of Man, Isle of Man (20 km, SW, 22 days)

L983756 is our first movement of a Coal Tit to the Calf of Man.

Blue Tit

L214419	3		10/10/10	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	5	Recaptured	23/01/11	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man (7 km, ENE, 105 days)
L214448	3		10/10/10	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	0	Dead	26/01/11	Ballabeg, Isle of Man (10 km, ENE, 108 days)
L579766	3J		10/07/11	Kerrowmoar, Isle of Man
	3	Recaptured	16/10/11	Calf of Man, Isle of Man (38 km, SW, 98 days)
L623274	3		10/10/10	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man
	5	Recaptured	03/03/11	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man (35 km, SW, 144 days)
L983777	3		28/09/11	St John's, Isle of Man
	3	Recaptured	30/12/11	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man (22 km, ENE, 93 days)
L984006	1		24/05/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX9A), Isle of Man
	3	Recaptured	21/12/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 211 days)
L984015	1		24/05/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX 11), Isle of Man
	3	Recaptured	28/10/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 157 days)
V078652	3J		05/07/06	Curraghs Wildlife Park, The Curraghs, Isle of Man
	6	Recaptured	27/07/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (5 yrs 22days)
	4	Recaptured	28/10/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (5 yrs 115days)
V329203	1		21/05/09	Curraghs Wildlife Park, The Curraghs (BOX I), Isle of Man
	6F	Recaptured	27/07/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (2 yrs 67days)
	4	Recaptured	28/10/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (2 yrs 160days)
V329272	1		20/05/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX 28), Isle of Man
	3	Recaptured	28/10/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 161 days)
V329282	1		20/05/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX32A), Isle of Man
	3	Recaptured	21/12/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 215 days)
V329284	1		20/05/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX32A), Isle of Man
	3J	Recaptured	27/07/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 68 days)
V329293	1		20/05/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX 16), Isle of Man
	3J	Recaptured	17/08/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 89 days)
	3	Recaptured	27/09/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 130 days)

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Blue Tit cont'd

V329295	1		20/05/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX 16), Isle of Man
	3	Recaptured	21/12/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 215 days)

These are just the selected highlights for this species. Three movements to and from the Calf are about average but L579766 from Kerrowmoar (Sulby) to the Calf is a long distance for our local birds. L623274 is also a long distance movement from Sean's garden in Maughold to mine in Croit-e-Caley. Also included are 8 re-traps form birds ringed as pulli as part of our long-term study of the nest boxes at Close Sartfield MWT reserve and the Curraghs Wildlife Park. They were all re-caught nearby in the Curraghs at a garden feeding station. V078652 is a good age for a Blue Tit at well over 5 years old and finally, L214448 was the victim of a cat.

Great Tit

R042681	3J		26/06/06	Curraghs Wildlife Park, The Curraghs (4), Isle of Man
	4M	Recaptured	21/12/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (5 yrs 178days)
TC90261	1		01/06/09	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX 23), Isle of Man
	4M	Recaptured	27/09/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 2 yrs 118days)
	4M	Recaptured	21/12/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 2 yrs 203days)
TC90397	1		28/05/06	Ballaugh Curraghs (BOX RLL), Isle of Man
	4M	Recaptured	21/12/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (5 yrs 207days)
TH86496	1		24/05/09	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX32), Isle of Man
	4M	Recaptured	27/09/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 2 yrs 126days)
TK42049	1		29/05/08	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX 18), Isle of Man
	6M	Recaptured	19/04/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh, Isle of Man (2 yrs 325days)
TK42056	1		29/05/08	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX 5), Isle of Man
	4F	Recaptured	28/10/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 3 yrs 152days)
TK42432	1		24/05/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX 9B), Isle of Man
	3M	Recaptured	21/12/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 211 days)
TK42435	1		24/05/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX 9B), Isle of Man
	3M	Recaptured	21/12/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 211 days)
TK42413	1		20/05/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX 23), Isle of Man
	3J	Recaptured	27/07/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 68 days)
TK42419	1		20/05/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX33A), Isle of Man
	3M	Recaptured	27/09/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 130 days)
TK42421	1		20/05/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX33A), Isle of Man
	3M	Recaptured	27/09/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 130 days)
	3M	Recaptured	14/10/11	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man (13 km, E, 147 days)
TK42445	1		24/05/11	Curraghs Wildlife Park, The Curraghs (BOX 13), Isle of Man
	3J	Recaptured	17/08/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (85 days)

Ring Number	Age	Capture Date	Details
TK61444	1	08/05/11	Currags Wildlife Park, The Currags (BOX V), Isle of Man
	3F Recaptured	21/12/11	Ballaugh Currags, Isle of Man (227 days)
TK61446	1	08/05/11	Currags Wildlife Park, The Currags (BOX V), Isle of Man
	3M Recaptured	28/10/11	Ballaugh Currags, Isle of Man (173 days)
TK61447	1	08/05/11	Currags Wildlife Park, The Currags (BOX V), Isle of Man
	3J Recaptured	17/08/11	Ballaugh Currags, Isle of Man (101 days)
TK61463	1	14/05/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX 29), Isle of Man
	3J Recaptured	17/08/11	Ballaugh Currags, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 95 days)
TK61495	1	24/05/11	near Ballaugh (BOX 20), Isle of Man
	3J Recaptured	27/07/11	Ballaugh Currags, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 64 days)
V430222	5	17/02/08	Colby, Isle of Man
	0 Dead	27/11/11	Ballabeg, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 3 yrs 283days)
V430470	3M	16/09/09	Croit-e-Caley, Colby, Isle of Man
	0 Dead	06/01/11	Willaston, Isle of Man (18 km, ENE, 1 yr 112days)
VF86332	1	20/05/04	Currags Wildlife Park, The Currags (BOX 16), Isle of Man
	6M Recaptured	11/02/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh, Isle of Man (1 km, W, 6 yrs 267days)
X431251	3	17/10/10	Kerrowmoar, Sulby, Isle of Man
	4M Recaptured	21/12/11	Ballaugh Currags, Isle of Man (4 km, W, 1 yr 65days)

The above records include 19 Great Tits ringed as chicks in recent years as part of our long-term study of the nest boxes at Close Sartfield MWT reserve and the Currags Wildlife Park. They were re-trapped at various garden sites in the North of the Island this year. There are also some long-lived birds included above with 2 over 5yrs old and 1 well into its 7th year, having originally been ringed as a chick at Close Sartfield. V430470 & V430222 were the victims of cats.

Treecreeper

BRE078	2	24/10/10	Port Lewaigue, Isle of Man
	4F Recaptured	09/06/11	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 228 days)

When re-trapped on the 9th June this bird showed an engorged brood patch, proving it was nesting in the vicinity.

Ring Number	Age	Capture	Date	Details
Chough				
EL53080	1		27/05/10	Site Confidential, Isle of Man
	0	Dead	28/03/11	near Glentruan, The Ayres, Isle of Man (305 days)
EW81727	1		19/05/11	Site Confidential, Isle of Man
	0	Long dead	01/09/11	Langness, Isle of Man (105 days)
EL67148	1		27/05/06	Site Confidential, Isle of Man
	0	Dead	07/06/11	Ballacharry, St Marks, Isle of Man (5 yrs 11days)

House Sparrow

TK61130	1		17/05/11	Lower Ballafodda, Ronague, Isle of Man
	3J	Recaptured	14/06/11	Lower Ballafodda, Ronague, Isle of Man (28 days)
TK61132	1		17/05/11	Lower Ballafodda, Ronague, Isle of Man
	3J	Recaptured	14/06/11	Lower Ballafodda, Ronague, Isle of Man (28 days)
TC90058	1		08/05/11	Kerrowmoar, Sulby, Isle of Man
	3J	Recaptured	10/07/11	Kerrowmoar, Sulby, Isle of Man (63 days)

Some re-traps of birds ringed as chicks in nest boxes at a couple of the regular garden ringing sites.

Tree Sparrow

TK42490	1		18/06/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX 35), Isle of Man
	3J	Recaptured	27/07/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 39 days)
TK42494	1		21/06/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh (BOX 31), Isle of Man
	3J	Recaptured	17/08/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 57 days)
	2	Recaptured	28/10/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (1 km, E, 129 days)

These two records are of re-traps of birds ringed as chicks as part of our long-term study of the next boxes at Close Sartfield MWT reserve.

Chaffinch

L214188	3M		04/10/10	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	5M	Recaptured	27/03/11	Lower Ballafodda, Ronague, Isle of Man (11 km, NE, 174 days)
L214714	3F		06/11/10	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	6F	Recaptured	17/04/11	Lower Ballafodda, Ronague, Isle of Man (11 km, NE, 162 days)
R744889	3F		25/09/06	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	4F	Recaptured	28/10/11	Ballaugh Curraghs, Isle of Man (35 km, NNE, 5 yrs 33days)

These are our 3rd – 6th records of Calf of Man ringed Chaffinches on the main Island.

Ring Number	Age	Capture	Date	Details
Greenfinch				
TL31791	3F		11/10/11	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	0	Dead	14/12/11	Peel, Isle of Man (20 km, NNE, 64 days)

TL31791 was the victim of a cat.

Goldfinch				
L214782	6M		24/03/11	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	6M	Recaptured	07/04/11	Lower Ballafodda, Ronague, Isle of Man (11 km, NE, 14 days)
L623312	3F		17/10/10	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man
	5	Recaptured	04/04/11	Leswalt, Dumfries and Galloway (85 km, NW, 169 days)
L807541	3F		13/12/10	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man
	4F	Recaptured	08/10/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (11 km, N, 299 days)
X210875	3J		06/07/09	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	6M	Recaptured	07/04/11	Lower Ballafodda, Ronague, Isle of Man (11 km, NE, 1 yr 275days)
	6M	Recaptured	14/06/11	Lower Ballafodda, Ronague, Isle of Man (11 km, NE, 1 yr 343days)
X211529	5F		15/04/10	Calf of Man, Isle of Man
	4F	Recaptured	14/09/10	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man (42 km, NE, 152 days)
	6F	Recaptured	16/04/11	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man (42 km, NE, 1 yr 1day)
Y376066	4M		23/09/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man
	4M	Recaptured	11/10/11	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man (11 km, S, 18 days)
Y376300	3J		12/10/11	Point of Ayre (NWP), Isle of Man
	3	Recaptured	28/10/11	Longshaw, near Orrell, Greater Manchester (146 km, SE, 16 days)
Y376419	3		22/10/11	Point of Ayre (NWP), Isle of Man
	3	Recaptured	26/10/11	South Walney, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria (86 km, ESE, 4 days)

This is a selection of the longer movements of Goldfinches from this year. L623312 would hint at a bird migrating back North in the spring, being caught by another ringer in Dumfries & Galloway. Y376300 & Y376419, both of which were re-trapped in England shortly after being ringed here, would suggest that the large numbers of Goldfinch caught at the Point of Ayre this autumn were migrants moving quickly through the area. There were over 600 caught there during the year but only a handful of re-traps suggesting a high turnover of the birds coming to the seed put out by Sean and then moving on, over the Irish Sea.

Ring Number	Age	Capture	Date	Details
Siskin				
L983036	3J		08/06/11	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man
	0	Dead	18/06/11	Laxey, Isle of Man (9 km, SSW, 10 days)
L983753	3M		28/09/11	St John's, Isle of Man
	3M	Sighted	28/12/11	Spring Valley, Douglas, Isle of Man (9 km, SE, 91 days)
L984639	4M		20/08/11	Close Sartfield, near Ballaugh, Isle of Man
	4M	Recaptured	26/08/11	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man (13 km, E, 6 days)
	4M	Recaptured	07/10/11	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man (13 km, E, 48 days)
L985000	3F		19/09/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man
	3F	Recaptured	07/10/11	Port e Vullen, Isle of Man (11 km, S, 18 days)

L983753 was photographed by Brian Liggins at his garden in Douglas allowing the ring number to be read, confirming its identity. L983036 was the victim of a cat.

Linnet

L623149	3M		25/09/10	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man
	5M	Recaptured	15/04/11	Rossall, Fleetwood, Lancashire (102 km, ESE, 202 days)

Almost 680 Linnets ringed near the Point of Ayre this year. This is the only reported movement during the year but that is not surprising given the nature of this 'non-garden' finch. Other than this one mentioned here, there were also 53 re-traps of Linnets ringed at the same site, 15 of which were ringed in 2010.

Twite

L807928	5		19/03/11	Point of Ayre (NWP), Isle of Man
	4M	Recaptured	02/09/11	Machrihannish, Argyll and Bute (144 km, NW, 167 days)
	4M	Recaptured	10/10/11	Machrihannish, Argyll and Bute (144 km, NW, 205 days)
V879195	4F		23/10/10	Machrihannish, Argyll and Bute
	6F	Recaptured	17/01/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (144 km, SE, 86 days)
	6F	Recaptured	28/03/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (144 km, SE, 156 days)
V879943	3		03/10/10	Machrihannish, Argyll and Bute
	5F	Recaptured	10/01/11	near Point of Ayre, Isle of Man (144 km, SE, 99 days)

2 birds from the long-running Twite project on Machrihannish caught here, and 1 of ours from the Point of Ayre caught there as well. We colour ring Twite as part of the North West Twite Study. The birds are not individually colour ringed but have 2 rings – 1 identifying the ringing site and 1 identifying the time period it was ringed (6 month periods). We recorded several birds that we had ringed in Winter 2010/2011 in the Autumn of this year, showing that the local birds do return to either move through the Island or Winter here each year (as is the case with the other sites in England & Scotland).