

## Manx BirdLife Christmas Bird Race 2023 Update

Christmas Day 2023 produced 98 species, including a new bird for the CBR in the form of a Greenshank. Boxing Day yielded another 12 species, with Jack Snipe, Waxwing and Tree Sparrow among the highlights.

Wednesday's appalling weather limited the finds to Barnacle Goose and Red-breasted Merganser, taking the total to 112.

Little Auk, Kingfisher, Pintail and Lesser Redpoll take the closing tally on Thursday to 116. And a late report of Red Grouse makes it 117!

Friday's Red-legged Partridge takes the tally to a teasing 118! Two days to go and two species needed to match the record.

Saturday is Day 6 and the penultimate day of the bird race. No new birds spotted today, but three earlier reports have now been verified - Whimbrel, Long-eared Owl and Crossbill - taking the tally to a record-breaking **121**! With one day left, can we add any more...?

Final day, Day 7 and no new species reported, so 121 it is! Thank you for all your reports and photographs. The bar is set high for 2024!