The Isle of Man Christmas Bird Race 2025

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:

https://manxbirdlife.im/birds/manx-bird-race-2025/

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 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

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Date	Total no. of species seen to date during this Bird Race
25th Dec	
26th Dec	
27th Dec	
28th Dec	
29th Dec	
30th Dec	
31st 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 2025: 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
Mute Swan			Black-throated Diver			Dunlin			Short Eared Owl			Robin		
Whooper Swan			Great Northern Diver			Purple Sandpiper			Kingfisher			Black Redstart		
Pink-footed Goose			Fulmar			Grey Phalarope			Great Spotted Woodpecker			Stonechat		
Greylag Goose			Gannet			Redshank			Kestrel			Dunnock		
Canada Goose			Cormorant			Greenshank			Merlin			House Sparrow		
Barnacle Goose			Shag			Jack Snipe			Peregrine			Tree Sparrow		
Brent Goose			Bittern			Woodcock			Chough			Grey Wagtail		
Shelduck			Little Egret			Snipe			Magpie			Pied Wagtail		
Wigeon			Grey Heron			Puffin			Jackdaw			Meadow Pipit		
Gadwall			Little Grebe			Black Guillemot			Rook			Rock Pipit		
Teal			Great Crested Grebe			Razorbill			Carrion Crow			Water Pipit		
Mallard			Slavonian Grebe			Little Auk			Hooded Crow			Brambling		
Pintail			Hen Harrier			Guillemot			Raven			Chaffinch		
Shoveler			Sparrowhawk			Little Gull			Goldcrest			Greenfinch		
Pochard			Buzzard			Sabine's Gull			Blue tit			Linnet		
Tufted Duck			Red Kite			Kittiwake			Great Tit			Twite		
Ring-necked Duck			Water Rail			Black-headed Gull			Coal Tit			Redpoll		
Scaup			Moorhen			Mediterranean Gull			Skylark			Common Crossbill		
Eider			Coot			Common Gull			Long-tailed Tit			Goldfinch		
Long-tailed Duck			Oystercatcher			Lesser Black-backed Gull			Chiffchaff			Siskin		
Common Scoter			Grey Plover			Herring Gull			Blackcap			Snow Bunting		
Velvet Scoter			Golden Plover			Yellow-legged Gull			Waxwing			Lapland Bunting		
Goldeneye			Ringed Plover			Iceland Gull			Treecreeper			Yellowhammer		
Smew			Avocet			Glaucous Gull			Wren			Reed Bunting		
Red-breasted Merganser			Lapwing			Great Black-backed Gull			Starling					
Goosander			Curlew			Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon			Dipper					
Red-legged Partridge			Whimbrel			Stock Dove			Blackbird					
Red Grouse			Bar-tailed Godwit			Woodpigeon			Fieldfare					
Grey Partridge			Turnstone			Collared Dove			Song Thrush					
Pheasant			Knot			Barn Owl			Redwing					
Red-throated Diver			Sanderling			Long Eared Owl			Mistle Thrush					