

All records of the unusual species listed below are subject to assessment by the SOS Records Committee and it may be assumed that those published in the annual Sussex Bird Report have been fully authenticated.

Taiga Bean Goose	Sabine's Gull	Red-rumped Swallow
Pink-footed Goose	Ring-billed Gull	Wood Warbler
Tundra Bean Goose	Glaucous Gull	Pallas's Leaf Warbler
Whooper Swan	Iceland Gull	Radde's Warbler
Bewick's Swan ¹	Long-tailed Skua	Dusky Warbler
American Wigeon	Pomarine Skua (not spring)	Greenish Warbler
Ring-necked Duck	Puffin	Arctic Warbler
Greater Scaup	Black Guillemot	Blyth's Reed Warbler
Surf Scoter	Little Auk	Marsh Warbler
Smew	White-billed Diver	Melodious Warbler
Ruddy Duck	All petrels (except Fulmar)	Icterine Warbler
All Pheasants (except Common)	All shearwaters ²	Barred Warbler
Alpine Swift	White Stork ³	Rose-coloured Starling
Corncrake	Night-heron	Bluethroat ⁴
Spotted Crake	Purple Heron	Red-breasted Flycatcher
Crane	Montagu's Harrier	Red-flanked Bluetail
Red-necked Grebe	Black Kite	Dipper
Stone-curlew	White-tailed Eagle ³	Citrine Wagtail
Black-winged Stilt	Rough-legged Buzzard	Richard's Pipit
American Golden Plover	Bee-eater	Olive-backed Pipit
Dotterel	Red-footed Falcon	Common Rosefinch
Grey Phalarope	Golden Oriole	Twite
Red-necked Phalarope	Great Grey Shrike	Parrot Crossbill
Lesser Yellowlegs	Woodchat Shrike	Serin
Temminck's Stint	Red-backed Shrike	Lapland Bunting
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Chough	Ortolan Bunting
White-rumped Sandpiper	Willow Tit	Cirl Bunting
Pectoral Sandpiper	Penduline Tit	Little Bunting
White-winged Black Tern	Shore Lark	
Roseate Tern	Short-toed Lark	

¹ Away from the Arun Valley

² Except for Balearic and Manx

³ Only when there is evidence that the bird is of wild origin and not from a reintroduction project or otherwise escaped or released.

⁴ White-spotted Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica cyaneola* is a BBRC subspecies.

Numbers of certain scarce species, not on the above list, are known to fluctuate in the county from one year to another (such examples include Glossy Ibis, Hoopoe, Yellow-browed Warbler and Waxwing) - descriptions may be requested for these at any appropriate time by the county recorder. Descriptions may also be required for any species seen in unusual circumstances, such as a coastal bird inland, or a bird observed on an unusual date.

In addition, descriptions are required for some subspecies, including: 'Green-winged' Teal (*A. c. carolinensis*), 'Black Brant' (*B. b. nigricans*), 'Kumlien's Gull' (*L. g. kumlieni*), 'Continental' Black-tailed Godwit (*L. l. limosa*), 'Continental' Coal Tit (nominate *P. a. ater*), 'Siberian' Chiffchaff (*P. c. tristis*), 'Northern' Willow Warbler (*P. t. acredula*), Yellow Wagtail forms *M. f. thunbergi* and *M. f. flava*, 'Icelandic' Redwing (*T. i. coburni*), 'Hooded' Crow (*C. c. cornix*) and nominate Redpoll (*A. f. flammea*).

However, descriptions are not required for the following subspecies: 'Pale-bellied' Brent Goose (*B. b. hrota*), nominate Herring Gull (*L. a. argentatus*), *intermedius* Lesser Black-backed Gull, 'Greenland' Wheatear (*O. o. leucorhoa*) and nominate White Wagtail (*M. a. alba*).