

# The European Bird Report

Passerines

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*from information supplied by National Correspondents*

**ABSTRACT** This biannual feature was inaugurated 23 years ago (*Brit. Birds* 70: 218). These compilations provide the only reliable, continent-wide report on population trends and significant, nationally accepted records of rarities.

Some of the highlights in this forty-seventh compilation include:

- First breeding by Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola* in Armenia, Estonia, Slovakia and Switzerland
- First Black-throated Accentor *Prunella atrogularis* in France
- Flock of 25 Siberian Thrushes *Zoothera sibirica* in Poland
- First Upcher's Warbler *Hippolais languida* in Greece
- First Marmora's Warblers *Sylvia sarda* in Belgium and the Iberian Peninsula
- First Ménétries's Warbler *S. mystacea* in Cyprus
- Irruption of Eurasian Jays *Garrulus glandarius* into Denmark and Latvia in autumn 1999
- Irruption and breeding of Rosy Starlings *Sturnus roseus* in Bulgaria in spring 2000
- Irruption of Pine Grosbeaks *Pinicola enucleator* into Scandinavia in autumn 1998
- Cerulean Warbler *Dendroica cerulea*, Palm Warbler *D. palmarum* and Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas* in Iceland in a ten-day purple patch in 1997
- First Pallas's Reed Bunting *Emberiza pallasii* in Portugal

Data are supplied for the EBR by a network of National Correspondents (see page 427) appointed by each country, and are also extracted from published reports of verified records. A few

entries (always marked by an asterisk) are still subject to assessment by the relevant rarities committee (and will be either confirmed or deleted in a future Report), but all others are accepted, verified records.

As well as covering the whole of Europe, records notified by the National Correspondents for nearby countries within the Western Palearctic are also included. This forty-seventh compilation, covering passerines, includes officially notified records from 38 countries.

This Report aims to include *all* records of:

1. Significant breeding-range expansions or contractions.
2. Major irruptions of erupting species.

3. Asiatic vagrants.
4. Nearctic species (excluding ducks, waders and gulls in Great Britain and Ireland, where they are regular).
5. Other extralimital vagrants.
6. Major national rarities, including the first five national records, even if the species is common elsewhere in Europe.

Unless otherwise stated, all records refer to nationally accepted records of single individuals.

### Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops superciliosus*

GERMANY Second record: Sylt/Schleswig-Holstein on 18th-19th June 1998\*.

### Black-crowned Sparrow-lark *Eremopterix nigriceps*

JORDAN First record: five to ten at Qa' Saidiyin from 21st November 1988 to 20th March 1989 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 20). This is the first mention of this species in these compilations.

### Chestnut-headed Sparrow-lark *Eremopterix signata*

ISRAEL First record: Eilat on 1st May 1983 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 87-89). This is the first mention of this species in these compilations.

### Bar-tailed Desert Lark *Ammomanes cincturus*

CYPRUS First record: Cape Greco on 24th-26th March 1999 (*Cyprus Annual Report* 46: 55).

### Thick-billed Lark *Rhamphocoris clotbey*

ISRAEL Unusually high numbers and first breeding record: 45 during March and April 1999 (plate 237), ten pairs still in area in May, with confirmed breeding.

### Calandra Lark *Melanocorypha calandra*

BELGIUM First record: Les Grandes Terres on 23rd November 1997.

HUNGARY Third record: Kardoskút on 20th February 1999\*.



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237. Thick-billed Lark *Rhamphocoris clotbey*, southern Negev, Israel, April 1999.

**Bimaculated Lark***Melanocorypha bimaculata*

SPAIN Vagrant: 21st December 1996 to 18th January 1997 (*Ardeola* 46: 134).

**White-winged Lark***Melanocorypha leucoptera*

FINLAND Second record: Kalajoki on 21st-23rd June 1999.

**Short-toed Lark***Calandrella brachydactyla*

ICELAND Third record: 17th November 1997 (first was on 20th November 1940 and second on 24th October 1944; *Bliki* 21: 48).

**Hume's Lark *Calandrella acutirostris***

ISRAEL First record: Eilat on 4th-14th February 1986 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 89-90).

**Crested Lark *Galerida cristata***

DENMARK Breeding census: 15-17 pairs in 1999 (*DOFT* 94: 67).

SWITZERLAND Vagrant: 3rd December 1998 (previous record was in 1993; *Orn. Beob.* 96: 173).

**Oriental Lark *Alauda gulgula***

ISRAEL First record: Eilat on 28th September 1984 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 90).

**Plain Martin *Riparia paludicola***

CANARY ISLANDS First record: Fuerteventura on 15th July 1993.

ISRAEL First record: Eilat on 6th May 1986 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 90-91).

**Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris***

DENMARK Third record: 13th June 1997 (*DOFT* 93: 133).

**Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica***

FRANCE Breeding status: 10-12 pairs in 1998 (*Ornithos* 7: 12).

HUNGARY First record: Zebegény, River Danube, on 18th April 1999\*.

**Richard's Pipit *Anthus novaeseelandiae***

CHANNEL ISLANDS Early vagrant: 11th August 1998 (*Jersey Bird Rep.* 1998: 17).

DENMARK Vagrants: 14 in 1997 was lowest number since 1991, when there were eight (*DOFT* 93: 45).

ESTONIA First and second records: Spithami, Lääne, on 6th September 1998\*, and at Torgu, Saaremaa Island, on 17th September 1998\*.

IRELAND Vagrant: 4th October 1997 (64 previous records; *Irish Birds* 6: 306).

SPAIN Up to 27 in nine coastal localities in 1995/96, most of them probably wintering (*Ardeola* 45: 110).

SWITZERLAND Vagrant: Martigny on 16th September 1999 (five previous records).

**Blyth's Pipit *Anthus godlewskii***

DENMARK First and second records: Værnengene, West Jutland, from 22nd November to 1st December 1998 (*DOFT* 93: 133) and Vejlerne, North Jutland, on 18th-25th November 1999\*.

FRANCE First and second records: first-winter at Grand Mas and Entressen from 16th January to 25th February 1998, and first-winter on Isle of Sein, Finistère, on 17th-19th October 1998 (*Ornithos* 6: 162).

ISRAEL First record: Eilat on 7th-16th November 1987 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 91-92).

NORWAY First record: 28th November 1987 (first-year on 3rd-13th November 1995, *Brit. Birds* 91: 50, becomes second record; *Fugleåret* 3: 11).

**Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris***

DENMARK Breeding census: at least ten pairs in 1999 (*DOFT* 94: 68).

**Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni***

CYPRUS Correction: two or three in Paphos Lighthouse area during 22nd-29th March 1998 (not 19th-29th April as published in *Brit. Birds* 92: 76; *Cyprus Rarity Report* 1998).

ESTONIA First record: Kirikuküla, Lihula, on 24th April 1992 (*Hirundo* 12: 80).

JORDAN First record: two at Eilat, Israel, on 19th-30th November 1982 were seen flying into Jordan on several occasions (*Sandgrouse* 21: 22).

NETHERLANDS Vagrant: 7th October 1998 (*Dutch Birding* 21: 321).

SWITZERLAND Second record: 2nd October 1998 (*Orn. Beob.* 96: 174).

**Pechora Pipit *Anthus gustavi***

NORWAY Fifth and sixth records: 7th September 1996, and 3rd October 1996 (*Fugleåret* 3: 12).

### Rock Pipit *Anthus petrosus*

GERMANY First breeding: Heligoland in 1999.

### Buff-bellied Pipit *Anthus rubescens*

ISRAEL First record: Eilat on 4th November 1981 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 92-93).

### Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

FAROE ISLANDS Second record of grey-headed race *thunbergi*: 24th May 1993 (*DOFT* 93: 69).

LUXEMBOURG First record of British race *flavissima*: 3rd-6th June 1995 (*Regulus* 17: 41).

NETHERLANDS Second record of black-headed race *feldegg*: 12th May 1998 (*Dutch Birding* 21: 321).

SWITZERLAND First record of Iberian race *iberiae*: male at Locarno, on 9th May 1999.

### Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*

ARMENIA First breeding record: pair at Lake Apri on 19th June 1998.

BELGIUM Second and third records: first-summer on 12th May 1997 and first-winter on 6th-10th September 1997.

ESTONIA First to fifth records and first breeding record: first-year at Pulgoja, Häädemeeste, on 21st July 1990; probably the same paired with a female Yellow Wagtail *M. flava* at Pulgoja during 16th May to 17th July 1991, raising six young; 19th July 1993; 28th May and 4th June 1995; 18th July 1995, and probably same 20th July 1995; 29th July 1995 (three subsequent records; *Hirundo* 12: 81).

FRANCE Vagrants: 1st-4th May 1998, 13th May 1998, and 27th August to 2nd September 1998 (*Ornithos* 6: 163).

ICELAND Vagrant: 3rd September 1997 (five previous records; *Bliki* 21: 49).

NETHERLANDS Vagrants: 3rd-5th September 1997 (*Dutch Birding* 21: 74), and 10th May 1998 (*Dutch Birding* 21: 321).

PORTUGAL Second record: 24th March 1997 (*Pardela* 11: 16).

SLOVAKIA First breeding record: pair in Požehy, Central Slovakia, in 1997.

SPAIN Vagrant: 22nd February 1996 (*Ardeola* 45: 110). Second record for Balearics: first-winter at Albufera, Mallorca, on 18th to 23rd November 1997 (*Ardeola* 46: 143).

SWITZERLAND Vagrants and first breeding: 30th April 1999 and bred at Ägerried in

1997 (*Orn. Beob.* 96: 263); Bolle di Magadino on 18th-19th April 2000, Neeracherried on 27th April 2000, and Klingnauer Stausee on 1st May 2000 (seven previous records).

### Pied Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

PORTUGAL First record of race *subpersonata*: Beja on 13th-14th July 1995 (*Pardela* 11: 16).

### White-cheeked Bulbul *Pycnonotus leucogenys*

JORDAN Second record: 14th April 1997 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 22).

### Dipper *Cinclus cinclus*

DENMARK Breeding census: four to seven pairs in 1999 (*DOFT* 94: 68).

### Siberian Accentor *Prunella montanella*

BELARUS First record: near Minsk in October 1997 (*Subbuteo* 2: 50).

FINLAND Fifth record: 6th December 1998 to 9th February 1999.

### Radde's Accentor *Prunella ocularis*

JORDAN First record: Dana Terraces on 31st December 1997 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 22). This is the first mention of this species in these compilations.

### Black-throated Accentor *Prunella atrogularis*

FRANCE First record: first-winter male at Chézy-sur-Marne, Aisne, on 7th-24th December 1997, 10th January to 29th February 1998, and 18th March 1998 (*Ornithos* 6: 163).

### Alpine Accentor *Prunella collaris*

BELGIUM Vagrant: 22nd-25th May 1996.

JORDAN First record: two at Dana on 26th February 1995.

MALTA Vagrant: 2nd November 1999 (first for 14 years).

### Rufous-tailed Scrub-robin *Cercotrichas galactotes*

CHANNEL ISLANDS First record: 7th June 1998\* (*Jersey Bird Rep.* (1998): 18).

GERMANY Third record in recent years: Hiddensee/Mecklenburg-Vorpommern during 9th-13th June 1998\*.





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238. Singing male red-spotted Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica svecica*, Veendam, Groningen, Netherlands, 27th June 1999.

**Rufous Nightingale**  
*Luscinia megarhynchos*

ESTONIA First record: Prangli, Kambja, on 18th June 1996 (*Hirundo* 12: 82).

**Bluethroat** *Luscinia svecica*

DENMARK Breeding census: seven to nine pairs in 1999 (*DOFT* 94: 68).

NETHERLANDS First record of male of red-spotted race *svecica* holding territory: Veendam, Groningen, from at least 22nd June 1999 onwards (plate 238).

**Red-flanked Bluetail**  
*Tarsiger cyanurus*

BULGARIA First record: female at Cape Emine on 3rd May 2000 (*BSPB National Bird Data Bank*).

ESTONIA Third record: adult male on 13th July 1995 (*Hirundo* 12: 82).

GERMANY Vagrants: male on Heligoland on 6th-7th June 1998\*, and Cuxhaven during 2nd-11th November 1998\* (six previous records).

ITALY Fourth record: 2nd December 1997 (*Riv. Ital. Orn.* 68: 207).

NORWAY Fifth record: 8th October 1995 (*Fugleåret* 2: 18).

SPAIN First record: Llobregat delta, Barcelona, on 17th November 1998\*.

**White-throated Robin** *Irania gutturalis*

CYPRUS Vagrant: 11th April 1998 (*Cyprus Rarity Report* 1998).

**Moussier's Redstart**  
*Phoenicurus moussieri*

MALTA Vagrant: 19th October 1998.

**Blackstart** *Cercomela melanura*

EGYPT Possible range expansion: Gabel Mughara, Sinai, on 12th January 2000 (only two other known locations for the species).

**Whinchat** *Saxicola rubetra*

LATVIA Second record: male at Liepāja on 2nd April 1999.

**Common Stonechat** *Saxicola torquata*

CYPRUS First record of race *variegata*: first-winter male at Cape Greco on 25th March 1999.

DENMARK Breeding census: 24-25 pairs in 1999 (*DOFT* 94: 69).

ESTONIA First records of races *variegata* and *maura*: male *variegata* at Kääriku-Pülme, Otepää, on 21st May 1990 and male *maura* at Riguldi, Noarootsi, on 21st May 1993 (*Hirundo* 12: 83).

PORTUGAL Third record of race *stejnegeri/maura*: 28th October 1997 (*Pardela* 11: 17).

SPAIN First to third records of race *maura/stejnegeri*: 2nd March 1997, 6th April 1997, and 13th September 1997 (*Ardeola* 46: 143).

### Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina*

GERMANY First record: Heligoland during 14th-17th October 1999\*.

POLAND Second record: 3rd August 1997 (*Notatki Orn.* 14: 168).

SWEDEN Fourth record: Värmdö, Södermanland, on 9th-13th October 1999.

### Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka*

NORWAY Third record: 19th October 1996 (*Fugleåret* 3: 12).

POLAND Third record: 12th September 1997 (*Notatki Orn.* 14: 168).

### Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica*

BELGIUM First record of race *melanoleuca*: first-summer at Massif de la Croix-Scaille on 1st June 1996.

HUNGARY Vagrant of race *melanoleuca*: 4th-15th May 1997 (*Túzok* 3: 151).

IRELAND Fourth record: 22nd May 1997 (*Irish Birds* 6: 307).

### Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti*

BELGIUM Third record: Zeebrugge on 24th October 1996.

GERMANY Vagrant: Teufelsberg/Berlin during 6th-9th October 1999\*.

IRELAND Fourth record: 2nd-15th December 1997 (*Irish Birds* 6: 307).

NETHERLANDS Vagrant: 11th-17th November 1997 (*Dutch Birding* 21: 74).

NORWAY Fifth record: 10th October 1996 (*Fugleåret* 3: 12).

POLAND First and second records: Jastarnia on 23rd October 1997 and Darłówko on 29th October 1997 (*Notatki Orn.* 14: 168).

### Variable Wheatear *Oenanthe picata*

ISRAEL First record: Eilat on 4th February 1986 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 93-94).

### Hooded Wheatear *Oenanthe monacha*

CYPRUS Vagrant: 13th April 1999 (seven previous records; *Cyprus Annual Report* 46: 67).

### White-crowned Black Wheatear *Oenanthe leucopyga*

CYPRUS Fourth record: 22nd February 1999 (*Cyprus Annual Report* 46: 67).

### Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis*

ESTONIA Second record: Saaremaa Island on 5th October 1999\* (first record was of two males at the same location in May 1984).

NETHERLANDS Third record: 17th May 1998 (*Dutch Birding* 21: 321).

### Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*

FINLAND Second record: male at Rääkkylä on 5th April 1997.

SLOVAKIA Second record: male at Vidová in May and June 1997 (*Tichodroma* 11).

### White's Thrush *Zoothera dauma*

DENMARK Third record: 13th October 1952 (*DOFT* 93: 134).

NORWAY Vagrant: 26th October 1996 (six previous records; *Fugleåret* 3: 12).

### Siberian Thrush *Zoothera sibirica*

POLAND Unusually large flock: 25 near Warsaw on 27th October 1996.

### Hermit Thrush *Catbarus guttatus*

IRELAND First record: first-year at Galley Head, Co. Cork, on 25th-26th October 1998.

### Swainson's Thrush *Catbarus ustulatus*

NORWAY Second and third records: 28th September 1996 (*Fugleåret* 3: 12) and first-year on Utsira, Rogaland, during 30th September to 6th October 1997.

### Ring Ouzel *Turdus torquatus*

JORDAN Second record: nine or ten on 11th March 1995, at least six on 13th and 15th March, and one on 17th March 1995 (*Sandgrouse* 20: 24).

### Dark-throated Thrush *Turdus ruficollis*

NETHERLANDS Fourth record of race *atrogularis*: 12th-14th April 1998 (*Dutch Birding* 21: 323 & 22: 143-146).

### Redwing *Turdus iliacus*

JORDAN Third record: five on 12th January 1996 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 24).

### Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella certhiola*

BELGIUM Second record: Konkelschoor on 10th September 1997.

ISRAEL First record: Eilat on 25th February 1983 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 94-95).

NORWAY Fifth and sixth records: 27th-28th September 1995, and 9th October 1995 (*Fugleåret* 2: 18).

### Lanceolated Warbler *Locustella lanceolata*

SWEDEN Fourth record: Utklippan, Blekinge, on 19th October 1999.

### Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia*

FAROE ISLANDS First record: 9th May 1994 (*DOFT* 93: 68).

### River Warbler *Locustella fluviatilis*

BELGIUM Third and fourth records: 23rd May to 4th June 1997, and 31st May to 5th June 1997.

### Savi's Warbler *Locustella luscinioides*

DENMARK Breeding censuses: 11 in 1997 (lowest annual total since 1977, *DOFT* 93: 48-49) and 28 singing males in 1999 (*DOFT* 94: 69).

### Moustached Warbler *Acrocephalus melanopogon*

CZECH REPUBLIC First breeding record: May 1999 in southern Bohemia.

PORTUGAL Second record: 18th October 1998 (*Pardela* 11: 17).

### Aquatic Warbler *Acrocephalus paludicola*

ESTONIA Second record: Spithami, Lääne, on 20th May 1999\*.

### Paddyfield Warbler *Acrocephalus agricola*

ESTONIA First to fourth records: Vaibla, Kolga-Jaani, on 15th July 1990; 11th August 1992; 18th July 1995; 1st September 1995 (*Hirundo* 12: 83).

IRELAND Third record: first-winter at Tory Island, Co. Donegal, on 21st September 1998.

NORWAY Fifth record: 25th September 1996 (*Fugleåret* 3: 14).

PORTUGAL Third record: 11th February

1998 (*Pardela* 11: 17).

UKRAINE First record for Western Ukraine: male at Cholghini Nature Reserve, Lviv Region, on 11th July 1999 .

### Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum*

FRANCE Third record: Ouessant on 4th-10th November 1998\*.

ICELAND First record: 23rd November 1997 (*Bliki* 21: 50).

ISRAEL First record: Eilat on 19th September 1985 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 95).

NETHERLANDS Third record: 14th June to 23rd July 1998, paired with female Marsh Warbler *A. palustris* and raised two hybrid young (*Dutch Birding* 21: 323).

SLOVENIA Vagrant: 20th August 1999.

### Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus palustris*

FAROE ISLANDS Second record: 30th May 1995 (*DOFT* 93: 68).

SPAIN Fourth record: 25th August 1997 (*Ardeola* 46: 143).

### Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

ITALY Second winter record: Molentargius wetland, West Sardinia, on 25th December 1992 (*Riv. Ital. Orn.* 68: 221-222).

SWEDEN Population estimate: 500,000-600,000 pairs in 1988-93 (higher than previous estimate of 250,000-500,000 pairs; *Ornis Svecica* 9: 35-46).

### Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*

DENMARK Breeding census: five singing males in 1999 (*DOFT* 94: 69).

### Basra Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus griseldis*

ISRAEL First record: Eilat on 20th May 1984 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 95-96).

### Oriental Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis*

ISRAEL First record: Eilat from 28th February to 13th April 1988 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 96-97). This is the first mention of this species in these compilations.

### Booted Warbler *Hippolais caligata*

ESTONIA Third record: 18th and 24th June

and 2nd July 1995 (*Hirundo* 12: 83).

ISRAEL First record: Central Shamaria Mountains on 14th August 1982 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 97-98).

NORWAY Fourth and fifth records: 2nd October 1994, and 22nd October 1996 (*Fugleåret* 3: 14).

SLOVENIA First record: juvenile at Vrhnika, Central Slovenia, on 16th September 1999.

SWEDEN Third record: Tvedöra, Skåne, on 30th August 1999.

SWITZERLAND First record: Chablais de Cudrefin on 7th October 1998 (*Orn. Beob.* 96: 176).

### Upcher's Warbler *Hippolais languida*

GREECE First record: northeastern part of Chios Island on 9th May 1997.

### Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina*

FAROE ISLANDS Third and fourth records: 24th May 1996, and 15th August 1996 (*DOFT* 93: 69).

PORTUGAL First record: 24th May 1998 (*Pardela* 11: 17).

### Melodious Warbler *Hippolais polyglotta*

NORWAY Third record: 9th October 1994 (*Fugleåret* 3: 14).

### Marmora's Warbler *Sylvia sarda*

BELGIUM First record: Duinbergen on 3rd-12th May 1997.

SPAIN First authenticated record for the Iberian peninsula: male singing at Garraf range, Barcelona, on 25th May 1997 (*Ardeola* 46: 144).

### Dartford Warbler *Sylvia undata*

NETHERLANDS Third record: 3rd-7th January 1997 (*Dutch Birding* 21: 75).

SPAIN Range expansion: observations made in 1997 and 1998, including those of a nest with chicks and a family party, suggest colonisation of northeastern Mallorca from nearby Menorca (*Anuari Ornitológic de les Balears* 12: 117-123).

### Spectacled Warbler *Sylvia conspicillata*

GREAT BRITAIN Second record: 20th April to 2nd May 1997 (*Brit. Birds* 92: 596).

### Ménétries's Warbler *Sylvia mystacea*

CYPRUS First record: Paphos on 2nd May 1998 (*Cyprus Rarity Report* 1998).

### Sardinian Warbler *Sylvia melanocephala*

BELGIUM Third and fourth records: 12th May 1996, and 6th-7th June 1996.

### Rüppell's Warbler *Sylvia rueppelli*

CANARY ISLANDS First record: adult male on Tenerife on 1st January 1997.

### Desert Warbler *Sylvia nana*

CYPRUS Vagrant: 12th-13th April 1999 (six previous records; *Cyprus Annual Report* 46: 72).

DENMARK Third record: 10th May 1998 (*DOFT* 93: 134).

### Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria*

DENMARK Breeding status: one to three breeding pairs in 1998 (*DOFT* 93: 126).

### Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca*

GREAT BRITAIN Breeding numbers: 37% increase on CBC plots in 1998 went part way towards recovery from exceptionally low numbers in 1997 (*BTO News* 222: 12).

### Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*

BELGIUM Fourth record: 31st August to 2nd September 1996.

DENMARK Irregular breeder: in 1997, three pairs at Christiansø and one pair at Bornholm (*DOFT* 93: 50).

GERMANY Second and third breeding records: Sachsen-Anhalt in 1998\* and Sachsen in 1999\*.

### Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis*

BELGIUM Second and third records: 25th September 1996, and 6th October 1997.

DENMARK Third record: 28th September 1998 (*DOFT* 93: 134).

ESTONIA Fourth and fifth records: 8th June 1994, and 11th June 1994 (*Hirundo* 12: 84).

MALTA Fifth record: 7th October 1999.

### Pallas's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus*

BULGARIA First and second records: 6th-7th



November 1997 (*Acrocephalus* 20: 53).  
DENMARK Vagrants: 16 in 1997, of which two were the second and third spring records (*DOFT* 93: 50).

FAROE ISLANDS Second record: 1st November 1998 (taken by a cat, as was the first).

IRELAND Vagrant: 25th-27th October 1997 (18 previous records; *Irish Birds* 6: 308).

POLAND Vagrant: 30th October 1997 (*Notatki Orn.* 14: 169).

### Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*

DENMARK Vagrants: nine in 1997 (*DOFT* 93: 50).

FAROE ISLANDS Vagrants: three in September/October 1993 and one on 3rd November 1996 (20 previously accepted records; *DOFT* 93: 69).

IRELAND Vagrants: four in September-October 1997 (428 previous records; *Irish Birds* 6: 308).

LUXEMBOURG Second to fourth records: two at different locations on 7th October 1995, and third on 27th October 1996 (*Regulus* 17: 41).

SLOVAKIA Vagrant: 4th May 1997\*.

SPAIN Vagrants: three in October 1996, including one on Mallorca (*Ardeola* 45: 111).

### Hume's Warbler *Phylloscopus humei*

DENMARK Vagrant: Blåvandshuk, West Jutland, on 16th-17th October 1999\*.

ISRAEL First record: Wadi Haymann on 12th-13th October 1981 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 100-101).

### Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi*

DENMARK Vagrants: Christiansø, Bornholm, on 7th October 1999 and Hanstholm Fyr, North Jutland, on 10th October 1999 (14 previous records).

ESTONIA First record: Saaremaa Island on 4th October 1999\*.

FINLAND Best-ever year: seven in autumn 1999.

GERMANY Vagrants: Heligoland on 24th October 1998\* and 6th October 1999\* (seven previous records).

MALTA Second record: 23rd October 1999.

NETHERLANDS Vagrant: 10th-11th October 1998 (nine previous records; *Dutch Birding* 21: 323-324).

NORWAY Fourth and fifth records: 11th October 1994, and 5th October 1996 (*Fugleåret* 3: 18).

### Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*

ESTONIA Third to fifth records: 11th October 1990, 30th October 1990, and 1st November 1996 (*Hirundo* 12: 85).

MALTA Third record: January to March 2000.

SPAIN First record for the Balearics and Spain: Isla del Aire, Menorca, on 19th April 1997.

### Iberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus brehmii*

BELGIUM First record: Oosthoek from 1st May to 4th June 1997.

### Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*

NORWAY First record of race *tristis*: 7th November 1995 (*Fugleåret* 2: 19).

SWEDEN Decline of race *abietinus*: evidence of a decrease in breeding numbers of race *abietinus* in southern Sweden at the same time as northward range expansion in southern Sweden and increase in numbers of nominate race (*Ornis Svecica* 9: 86-90).

### Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula*

ICELAND Second record: Heimaey, Vestm., on 10th-11th October 1998\*.

### Firecrest *Regulus ignicapillus*

DENMARK Breeding census: 27-36 pairs in 1999 (*DOFT* 94: 70).

### Semi-collared Flycatcher *Ficedula semitorquata*

CYPRUS First autumn record: 12th September 1998 (*Cyprus Rarity Report* 1998).

### Bearded Tit *Panurus biarmicus*

ESTONIA Breeding information: probably began breeding at the end of the 1970s, but the first nests were found in 1991-92 (*Hirundo* 12: 85). In 1997, the population was estimated at 500-1,500 (*Hirundo* 11: 63-83).

### Willow Tit *Parus montanus*

DENMARK Breeding census: 38-45 pairs in 1999 (*DOFT* 94: 70).

### Azure Tit *Parus cyanus*

DENMARK Deletion: after consideration by the rarities committee, this species has been deleted from the Danish List (DOFT 93: 135).

### Wallcreeper *Tichodroma muraria*

MALTA Third record: 28th September 1998.

### Penduline Tit *Remiz pendulinus*

FRANCE Establishment in Alsace: first breeding in 1979, but not established until 1990s, with, for instance, 26 nests in 1995; all but one of 63 nests found were in White Willows *Salix alba* (*Nos Oiseaux* 46: 61-80).

### Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*

DENMARK Breeding census: 13-19 pairs in 1999 (DOFT 94: 70).

### Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus*

CYPRUS Vagrant: 6th-7th April 1998 (*Cyprus Rarity Report* 1998).

NORWAY Vagrant: 29th May 1995 (six previous records; *Fugleåret* 2: 20).

POLAND Third record: 21st September 1997 (*Notatki Orn.* 14: 170).

### Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*

FRANCE Breeding status: estimate of at least 155,000 pairs, based on 1993-94 census updated in 1998 (*Ornithos* 6: 81).

### Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor*

FRANCE Breeding status: estimate of 50 pairs, based on 1993-94 census updated in 1998 (*Ornithos* 6: 81).

LATVIA Fourth twentieth-century record: 30th May 1999.

### Great Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor*

DENMARK Breeding census: ten to 15 pairs in 1999 (DOFT 94: 70).

FINLAND First to third records of race *homeyeri*: Kristiinankaupunki on 23rd October 1993, Lågskär on 2nd October 1998, and Joensuu on 30th October 1998.

### Southern Grey Shrike *Lanius meridionalis*

CYPRUS Third record and second of race *pallidirostris*: 20th-23rd November and 4th December 1998 (*Cyprus Rarity Report* 1998) and presumed same 22nd November

1999 to 4th December 1999 (*Cyprus Annual Report* 46: 77).

ISRAEL First record of race *pallidirostris*: Eilat on 20th November 1987 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 102-103).

FRANCE Breeding status: estimate of slightly fewer than 2,000 pairs, based on 1993-94 census updated in 1998 (*Ornithos* 6: 81).

POLAND First record: Gdansk on 18th October 1997 (*Notatki Orn.* 14: 170).

### Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator*

FRANCE Breeding status: estimate of about 10,000 pairs, based on 1993-94 census updated in 1998 (*Ornithos* 6: 81).

### Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*

DENMARK Invasion: several thousands arriving from Sweden during autumn 1999.

LATVIA Unprecedented irruption: 37,157 passed through Pape during 5th September to 9th October 1999 (more than 36,500 during 15th to 18th September).

### Nutcracker *Nucifraga caryocatactes*

DENMARK Invasion and subsequent breeding: 733 during autumn 1997 (DOFT 93: 53-54), with six or seven pairs breeding in 1998 (DOFT 93: 126) and three or four pairs in 1999 (DOFT 94: 71).

### Eurasian Jackdaw *Corvus monedula*

IRELAND First record of race *monedula/soemmerringii*: Lucan, Co. Dublin, from 25th February to 18th April 1997 (*Irish Birds* 6: 309).

### Daurian Jackdaw *Corvus dauuricus*

NETHERLANDS Second record: 8th-11th May 1997 (*Dutch Birding* 21: 77).

### House Crow *Corvus splendens*

NETHERLANDS First and second breeding records and new adult: pair present since 1994 successfully bred in 1997 and raised one young at Hoek van Holland, Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland (*Dutch Birding* 21: 77); the same pair again raised one young in 1998, and a new adult was present in August and September 1998 (*Dutch Birding* 21: 324).

### Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*

ISRAEL First record: Eilat from 5th July to

14th August 1983 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 101). This is the first mention of this species in these compilations.

### Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*

ANDORRA First record and probable breeding: 8th June 1997, and pair carrying food on 20th May 1999, presumed breeding.

### Rosy Starling *Sturnus roseus*

BULGARIA Big influx and breeding: more than 5,500 during 20th May to 3rd June 2000, including 460 at Struma Valley and Rila mountain, over 1,600 at Sveti Vlas, Burgas Region, over 1,350 at Cape Kaliakra and over 1,000 pairs breeding in stone quarry near the town of Karnobat, Burgas Region; there was an invasion of locusts in some regions of Bulgaria during the same period (*BSPB National Bird Data Bank*).

### Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis*

NETHERLANDS First record: adult male at De Cocksdorp, Texel, Noord-Holland, on 4th-15th May 1997 (*Dutch Birding* 21: 77).

### Yellow-throated Vireo *Vireo flavifrons*

GERMANY First record: Heligoland on 18th September 1998\*.

### Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*

ICELAND Vagrants: five in 1997 (12 previous records; *Bliki* 21: 53).

IRELAND Vagrant: 8th-9th October 1995 (31 previously accepted records; *Irish Birds* 6: 309).

### Red-fronted Serin *Serinus pusillus*

JORDAN First record: near Al Mansura on 21st February 1996 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 30).

### European Serin *Serinus serinus*

DENMARK Breeding census: one to 11 pairs in 1999 (*DOFT* 94: 70).

### Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris*

ICELAND First record: 23rd March 1997 (*Bliki* 20: 21-22; 21: 53).

### Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*

FAROE ISLANDS First record: exhausted adult male on boat 40-60 nautical miles (75-

100 km) WNW of Streymoy on 27th October 1993 (*DOFT* 93: 69).

### Common Redpoll *Carduelis flammea*

BELGIUM Third record of race *rostrata*: 23rd November 1996.

### Arctic Redpoll *Carduelis hornemanni*

NORWAY Large invasion: at least 367 in 1995 (*Fugleåret* 2: 48).

### Two-barred Crossbill *Loxia leucoptera*

DENMARK Best-ever year: 340 in 1997, of which 334 were in autumn (*DOFT* 93: 54).

HUNGARY Third record: 29th August 1997 (that from 30th October to 22nd November 1997, *Brit. Birds* 92: 81, becomes fourth; *Túzok* 3: 151).

NETHERLANDS Largest-ever invasion: 111 to 181 individuals between August and the end of December 1997 (57 previously accepted records; *Dutch Birding* 21: 77).

### Parrot Crossbill *Loxia pytyopsittacus*

DENMARK Invasion: 510 in 1997 (*DOFT* 93: 54-55).

### Trumpeter Finch *Bucanetes githagineus*

ARMENIA Fifth record in 35 years: eight at Otorbulagh on 17th June 1999.

BULGARIA First record: adult male at Rogach, Kardzhali region, on 15th June 1999.

CYPRUS Vagrants: 14th April 1998 and 17th April 1998 (*Cyprus Rarity Report* 1998).

ESTONIA First record of vagrant/escape: Põõpsaspea neem, Noarootsi, on 2nd October 1997 (*Hirundo* 12: 88).

### Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*

FRANCE Breeding status: 15 pairs in 1998 (*Ornithos* 7: 12).

### Pine Grosbeak *Pinicola enucleator*

DENMARK Largest-ever invasion: about 150 in November 1998 (*DOFT* 93: 136).

NORWAY Large invasion: several thousand in autumn 1995 (*Fugleåret* 2: 48).

SWEDEN Major irruption: over 280 from October 1998 onwards, with largest flocks being 134 on 28th October 1998 and 150 on 27th December 1998.

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239-241. First-year female Cerulean Warbler *Dendroica cerulea*, Eyrarbakki, Ár., Iceland, October 1997.

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**Cerulean Warbler *Dendroica cerulea***

ICELAND First record: immature female during 1st-7th October 1997 (plates 239-241) (*Bliki* 21: 55).

**Yellow-rumped Warbler *Dendroica coronata***

NORWAY First record: Utsira, Rogaland, on 8th October 1996 (*Fugleåret* 3: 18).

**Palm Warbler *Dendroica palmarum***

ICELAND First record: immature during 5th-10th October 1997 (*Bliki* 21: 56).

**Louisiana Waterthrush *Seiurus motacilla***

MOROCCO First record: Essaouira on 18th January 1999\*.

**Northern Waterthrush *Seiurus noveboracensis***

PORTUGAL First record for Azores: 4th October 1996 (*Pardela* 11: 18).

**Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas***

ICELAND First record: immature male on 26th-27th September 1997 (*Bliki* 21: 56).



**White-throated Sparrow**  
*Zonotrichia albicollis*

FINLAND Third record: Lågsjär from 29th May to 8th June 1999.

**Pine Bunting** *Emberiza leucocephalos*

ARMENIA First record: adult male near Hat-savan on 17th March 1996 (*The Handbook of the Birds of Armenia*, 1999).

FINLAND Vagrant: Himanka between 1st January and 1st April 1999.

JORDAN First and second records: three on 14th December 1995, and three on 31st December 1997 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 31).

NORWAY Vagrants: 27th December 1994 to 10th March 1995, and 19th March 1995 (six previous records; *Fugleåret* 2: 21).

SWITZERLAND Third to fifth records: 4th-5th November 1998, and 8th-10th December 1998 (*Orn. Beob.* 96: 178), and Schluein on 8th-9th March 2000.

**Grey-necked Bunting**  
*Emberiza buchanani*

ARMENIA Count: six singing males at Otoor-bulagh on 17th June 1999.

**Rustic Bunting** *Emberiza rustica*

LATVIA Fifth record: pair on 20th May 1999.  
SWITZERLAND Vagrant: male on 18th-19th October 1998 (*Orn. Beob.* 96: 179).

**Yellow-breasted Bunting**  
*Emberiza aureola*

BELGIUM Second record: 19th August 1991.  
IRELAND Fourth record: female or first-winter at Tory Island, Co. Donegal, on 21st September 1998.  
ISRAEL First record: Eilat on 13th September 1979 (*Sandgrouse* 21: 103).

**Pallas's Reed Bunting** *Emberiza pallasi*

PORTUGAL First record: Lagoa de Santo André, Setúbal, on 12th-19th January and 4th February 1997 (*Pardela* 11: 18).

**Black-headed Bunting**  
*Emberiza melanocephala*

IRELAND Fifth and sixth records: 4th July 1997, and 21st-27th July 1997 (*Irish Birds* 6: 310).  
NETHERLANDS Vagrants: 5th-22nd May 1997 (*Dutch Birding* 21: 79), and 21st June 1998 (*Dutch Birding* 21: 326).

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