

Rare birds in the Netherlands in 2023

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This is the 44th annual report on rare birds in the Netherlands to be published in Dutch Birding. Most reviewed reports are from 2023 but belated and reconsidered records dating back to 1960 have also been included. The reports have been assessed by the Dutch rarities committee (Commissie Dwaalgasten Nederlandse Avifauna; CDNA), a joint committee of the Dutch Birding Association (DBA) and the Netherlands Ornithologists' Union (NOU). The submissions are assessed digitally over a maximum of three (or four, in exceptional cases) rounds (the first round is blind) by eight voting members. Records of all taxa accepted up to and including 2023, as well as pending reports, can be found in the online database www.dutchavifauna.nl. Note that some reports from 2023 and earlier are still under review or still await submission and are therefore not included.

2023 summary

With a total of 377 recorded species (figure 1), 2023 was an average year for species richness. The average over the past 10 years (2014-23) is 378. This was the last year in which Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi* and Siberian Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia althaea blythi* were considered (nominate Hume's Whitethroat *S a althaea* and Desert

Lesser Whitethroat *S a halimodendri* will still be assessed). In 2023, one new species was added to the Dutch list: Siberian Buff-bellied Pipit *Anthus japonicus*. The list also lost one species: Hooded Merganser *Lophodytes cucullatus* was removed from the list of wild birds (see 'Additional committee work' and 'Not accepted reports'), which as of 1 January 2024 stood at 538. In all, there were 14 records of taxa recorded 10 times or less (16 in 2022):

- 1st Siberian Buff-bellied Pipit.
- 2nd Marbled Duck *Marmaronetta angustirostris*.
- 3rd Green Warbler *P nitidus* and Yellow-browed Bunting *Emberiza chrysophrys*.
- 5th Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus* and Cretzschmar's Bunting *E caesia*.
- 6th Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* and Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis*.
- 7th Bonaparte's Gull *Chroicocephalus philadelphia*, Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis* and Eastern Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe melanoleuca*.
- 8th Calandra Lark *Melanocorypha calandra*.
- 9th Pygmy Cormorant *Microcarbo pygmaeus*.
- 10th Gyrfalcon *Falco rusticolus* and Eurasian Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* (14 individuals).

There were record numbers of three species: Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris* (six, was five in 2019), Lesser Scaup *A affinis* (seven, was five in

2015) and Cory's/Scopoli's Shearwater *Calonectris borealis/diomedea* (four, was two in 2006 and 2014).

Belated records from earlier years include the first Horus Swift *Apus horus* (also the first for the WP) in 2019 and the second soft-plumaged petrel *Pterodroma mollis/feae/madeira/deserta*, second Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni* and seventh Icelandic Merlin *F columbarius subaeson*, all from 2022.

Workload

This report contains 195 submissions, of which 138 (71%) were accepted. On average, 1.7 voting rounds were needed to draw a final conclusion. The average circulation time per submitted file in the first round was 28 days (31 in 2022). 90% of all submissions were assessed within 80 days after they went into circulation (62 in 2022).

Additional committee work

In March and September, the committee held their biannual meetings. We decided on the following issues: Hooded Merganser was removed from the Dutch list based on a published analysis (Fijen & Schekkerman 2021). The analysis shows that escapes occur frequently and the species might even have bred. A probability calculation indicated that in the present situation roughly five not wild (but unringed and unblemished) Hooded Mergansers will be accepted for every genuine vagrant, obscuring any pattern in the occurrence of the species in the wild. We also reviewed the assessment criteria for Ross's Goose *Anser rossii* and Marbled Duck. Because of the many proven escapes and suspicious individuals of the first species we will assess records according to a very strict burden of proof including all the circumstances. This does mean, however, that also individuals other than the bird ringed in Canada turning up in 2023-24 can be accepted. More or less the same applies for Marbled Duck. As a result of the submission of two convincing-looking Sykes' Blue-headed Wagtails *Motacilla flava beema*, we have asked other European rarities committees how they deal with this taxon: none of them considers them acceptable for now, because of the difficulty of identification in a vagrant context. Therefore, we decided to put this taxon on hold until further published literature on the variation of yellow wagtails creates clarity. Regarding 'eastern yellow wagtail' *M tschutschensis/plexa*, we decided that recent records will be considered according to the existing guidelines which require a combination of appropriate appearance and sounds (calls). Only

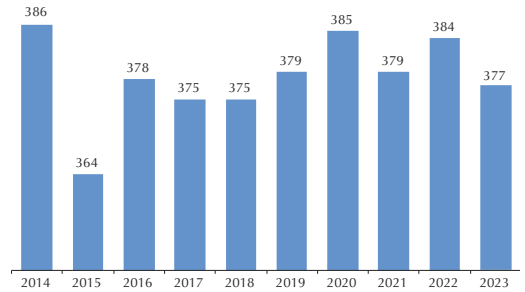


FIGURE 1 Number of species recorded in the Netherlands per year in 2014-23 (average: 378) / aantal vastgestelde soorten per jaar in Nederland in 2014-23 (gemiddeld: 378)

when the combination of both is definite, a record qualifies for acceptance. After a long reassessment, the first Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea* in June-July 1983 remains accepted; the second in March 1989, however, has been rejected after review. The boards of the DBA and NOU have asked the CDNA to review the benefits of the AERC category system and the Dutch system. After an extensive evaluation process, which involved conversations with national experts and a questionnaire among the AERC committees, the boards of DBA and NOU have decided that the Dutch list will follow the AERC categories system. The annual report of 2024 will be the first to follow the category system. In the advice to the boards, the CDNA recommended to consider successful and self-sustaining re-introductions under category A, rather than category C, and that species placed in category D will be evaluated every five years for consideration in placement in category A or E.

Members

The following CDNA members voted on some or all records in this report: Garry Bakker (voting member until April 2024), Nils van Duivendijk, Enno Ebels, Thijs Fijen (chairman since August 2023), Justin Jansen (voting member since May 2024), Eddy Nieuwstraten (chairman until July 2023), Hans Schekkerman (secretary since April 2023), Vincent van der Spek (secretary until March 2023), Koen Stork (voting member since April 2023), Rinse van der Vliet (treasurer) and Jaco Walhout (voting member since August 2023). Gerjon Gelling (archivist) and August van Rijn (assistant) provided pivotal support to the committee as non-voting members by preparing the dossiers for the committee and submitting many reports published on national and regional websites.

Glossary

Details included for each record are, if available: date(s); location and/or municipality (municipal divisions as of 1 January 2024); province; number of birds, age and sex; type of record if ringed, photographed, sound-recorded, videoed or found dead (and where specimen is stored, if known); names of up to three observers involved in finding, identifying and recording, and relevant references in the literature, which normally include (inter)national but not regional journals, and published photographs. Records from 2022 lasting into 2023 that have already been published in the 2022 report (Gelling et al 2023) are repeated here without reference. Observations not (yet) submitted but mentioned in the 2022 report are not repeated in this report. The sequence of the records in the species accounts is from the current year backwards, with records within one year presented per province (starting with the province with the first record of the year), and then chronologically within each province. The numbers after each (sub)species name refer to the total number of records **1** from 1 January 1800 to 31 December 1979, **2** since 1 January 1980 but excluding, **3** the current year. The total number of individuals involved in all these records is shown between brackets after these three numbers. Taxa marked with an asterisk * are new to the Dutch list. Date and locality extensions or changes of previously accepted records are marked with an #.

Abbreviations for provinces are: DR Drenthe, FL Flevoland, FR Friesland, GE Gelderland, GR Groningen, LB Limburg, NB Noord-Brabant, NH Noord-Holland, OV Overijssel, UT Utrecht, ZL Zeeland and ZH Zuid-Holland. For ageing, calendar-year is abbreviated to cy prefixed with 1, 2, 3 or 4 to indicate first, second, third or fourth.

The number of species recorded per year (figure 1) is based upon records for all rare species, in addition to the occurrence of at least one sighting in the online observation database www.waarneming.nl that was approved by administrators for all other species. Records of closely related species that were not identified to species level (for instance an unidentified *Clanga* eagle) were added to the yearly totals if there were no certain other observations of the particular species that year.

Decisions regarding taxonomy have been delegated to the Dutch committee for avian systematics (Commissie Systematiek Nederlandse Avifauna; CSNA) and are beyond the responsibility of the CDNA. Reports have been mostly submitted through the electronic form directly on www.dutchavifauna.nl

or by using a link on www.waarneming.nl.

Corrections to annual report 2022

The Cory's/Scopoli's Shearwater in 2017 was found on the Stommeerweg instead of the Stormmeerweg. The not accepted Lesser Scaup from Nijkerkernauw, *Nijkerk* GE, was erroneously listed for 23 March 2022 but this should have been 23 March 2021.

Accepted

Ross's Goose / Ross' Gans

Anser rossii 0,7,1 (15)

ZUID-HOLLAND De Vulkaan, Westduinpark, Den Haag, also seen at Maasvlakte, Rotterdam, and Het Zwin, Cadzand-Bad, Sluis ZL, 8 October, two adults, white morph, male, wearing metal ring, photographed (T van der Torre, R van der Vliet, G J Gelling et al).

A metal-ringed adult appeared among Pink-footed Geese *A brachyrhynchus* at Eidsbotn, Trøndelag, Norway, on 18 September. Three days later it was joined by a second, unringed individual. The two birds lingered in the area until at least 4 October. The ring code was partially read, enough to confirm that the bird was ringed by the Canadian Wildlife Service in Nunavut, Canada. On 7 October, they were relocated at Store Vildmose in northern Denmark and later that day sighted over Ulvedybet and Mandø. The next morning the two birds, together with 19 Pink-footed Geese passed three sites along the Dutch coast before flying into Belgium. The following day, Belgian birders relocated the flock in the vicinity of Stalhille, West-Vlaanderen, where they remained until 5 March 2024. On 13 January 2024, the ring number could be read by Filip de Ruwe: 2127-23516 (Dupont et al 2024). The Canadian Bird Banding Laboratory responded that the bird had been ringed as an adult (>1cy) male on 4 August 2017 in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut. On 9 March 2024, both birds were relocated in a group of Barnacle Geese *Branta leucopsis* in Friesland where they stayed until 1 April. Later in spring, the two were found in northern Germany, southern Sweden, Estonia and central Norway, after which the ringed individual without its partner was last seen in southern Finland on 12-14 May. The ringed bird provided the first irrefutable evidence of vagrancy of a wild Ross's Goose into Europe.

Greenland White-fronted Goose / Groenlandse Kolgans

Anser albifrons flavirostris 12,34,2 (102)

NOORD-BRABANT Groote Zonzeelsche Polder Oost, Hooge Zwaluwe, Drimmelen, 27 March, adult, photographed (T van Oerle, B Verhoeven, R van Ouwkerk; Dutch Birding 45: 208, plate 248, 2023). FRIESLAND Blaagerzen, *De Fryske Marren*, 7-10 April, adult, photographed (via CDNA).

The submission from Noord-Brabant was one of the finest the committee has seen this year, because of the complete and detailed description, high-quality photo-



557 Ross's Geese / Ross' Ganzen *Anser rossii*, with Pink-footed Geese / Kleine Rietganzen *A brachyrhynchus*, De Vulkaan, Westduinpark, Den Haag, Zuid-Holland, 8 October 2023 (Tim van der Torre)

558 Falcated Duck / Bronskopeend *Mareca falcata*, adult male, Botlek, Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland, 21 April 2023 (Tseard Mulder)



graphs and thorough analysis of the characters to reach a firm identification.

Black Scoter / Amerikaanse Zee-eend

Melanitta americana 3,1,0 (4)

FRIESLAND North Sea, Strand Nes, *Ameland*, 17 November to 8 December, adult male, photographed, videoed (A Dwarshuis, V Douwes, J J F Jansen et al; Dutch Birding 46: 66, plate 88, 2024).

This returning bird was first discovered on Schiermonnikoog FR in October 2021 and relocated there in October 2022. This autumn, it was seen intermittently and not seen from Schiermonnikoog. However, it presumably ranged over a wider area.

Marbled Duck / Marmereend

Marmaronetta angustirostris 0,1,1 (2)

FRIESLAND Ezumakeeg-Noord, Lauwersmeer, *Noardeast-Fryslân*, 3 August, and 22 September, >1cy male, photographed (J Braat, I Snoeren, J Y Tuinstra et al; Dutch Birding 45: 356, plate 451, 2023).

On 15 September, a proven escape was present at the same location. Therefore, the committee needed an exceptional four rounds to discuss the status of this bird(s) and to decide about the number of individuals involved. The status of this species is arguably one of the most difficult to assess. This year's proven unmarked bird in good plumage was only the second record, after the first in August 2004.

Ring-necked Duck / Ringsnaveleend

Aythya collaris 5,46,6 (58)

OVERIJSEL Zwarte Meer, *Zwartewaterland*, 2 January, 2cy male, photographed (via CDNA).

Woldlakerplas, Weerribben, *Steenwijkerland*, 28-29 January, male, photographed (B J van der Maat, J van der Maat et al; Dutch Birding 45: 138, plate 139, 2023).

NOORD-HOLLAND Park van Luna, and Stad van de Zon, Heerhugowaard, *Dijk en Waard*, 12 March to 3 April, and 23 October to 13 April 2024, 2cy to adult male, photographed, videoed (T Marijnissen et al; Dutch Birding 45: 210, plate 250, 2023, 46: 65, plate 87, 2024).

IJsselmeer, and De Ven, and Krabbersgat, *Enkhuizen*, 1-23 April, and Naviduct Enkhuizen, *Lelystad* FL, 9 April, adult male, photographed, videoed (R ter Ellen, B van Gennip et al; Dutch Birding 45: 210, plate 253, 2023).

Vogelmeer, Nationaal Park Zuid-Kennemerland, *Bloemendaal*, 20 November, and Kennemermeer, IJmuiden, *Velsen*, 3 December to 30 March 2024, adult male, photographed (S Venhuis, J Garvelink et al; Dutch Birding 46: 66, plate 89, 2024).

FLEVOLAND Lepelaarplassen, *Almere*, 19-28 March, adult male, photographed (H van de Bovenkamp, E Koelman et al).

NOORD-BRABANT Venrode, *Boxtel*, 28 March to 11 April, adult male, photographed, videoed (B Verhoeven et al).

The one in Noord-Brabant is considered the returning

bird from Vught NB in 2022. Six (all males) in a year is a record.

Ring-necked x Tufted Duck / Ringsnaveleend x Kuifeend

Aythya collaris x *fuligula* 0,14,0 (14)

2007 FRIESLAND IJsselmeer, Breezanddijk, *Súdwest-Fryslân*, 1 January, male, photographed, videoed (R Cazemier, S Bernardus).

Lesser Scaup / Kleine Topper

Aythya affinis 0,31,7 (38)

FRIESLAND Lemmer, 9-11 March, and Uitheingpolder, *De Fryske Marren*, 26 March, 2cy male, photographed, videoed (R Cazemier et al).

IJsselmeer, Breezanddijk, *Súdwest-Fryslân*, 25 March, adult male, photographed, videoed (F van der Meer, R van der Meer et al; Dutch Birding 45: 210, plate 251-252, 2023).

Bochtjesplaat, Lauwersmeer, *Noardeast-Fryslân*, 28-30 May, male, photographed, videoed (H Wieleman et al; Dutch Birding 45: 277, plate 333, 2023).

NOORD-HOLLAND Vogelmeer, Nationaal Park Zuid-Kennemerland, *Bloemendaal*, 25 June to 25 August, adult male, photographed, videoed (S Venhuis et al, via CDNA; Dutch Birding 45: 277, plate 334, 353, plate 445, 2023).

Gouwzee, *Waterland*, 9 October and 11-26 November, adult male, photographed, videoed (A Dwarshuis et al; Dutch Birding 46: 66, plate 90, 2024).

Gouwzee, *Waterland*, 8-20 November, also seen at Pampushaven, and De Blocq van Kuffeler, and Lepelaarplassen, *Almere* FL, 30 November to 25 January 2024, adult male, photographed, videoed (A Streefland et al; Dutch Birding 46: 66, plate 91, 2024).

GELDERLAND Delta Schuitenbeek, Nuldernauw, *Putten*, 19 September, adult male, photographed (R Drenth et al).

Seven in a year (all males) is a record. The one in Bloemendaal concerns the first in midsummer (June to August). It was removed as an assessment species by the British rarities committee in 2015 but a drop in records led to it being readmitted in 2020. The current trend in the Netherlands is of a steady increase.

Blue-winged Teal / Blauwvleugeltaling

Spatula discors 6,38,1 (46)

ZUID-HOLLAND Leidsche Vliet, *Leidschendam-Voorburg*, 21 March, also seen at Zuid-Maartensgat, Dordtse Biesbosch, *Dordrecht*, 15 May, adult female, photographed, videoed (S van Donselaar, J Braat, B Weel et al).

This is only the fourth female and the rediscovery some 43 km to the south-east is remarkable for a female duck. With 71% of all records in the period 21 March to 21 June, spring is a classic time for this species.

Baikal Teal / Siberische Taling

Sibirionetta formosa 8,7,0 (15)

ZUID-HOLLAND Groene Jonker, Zevenhoven, *Nieuwkoop*, 10 February to 3 March and 22 March to 4 April, adult male, photographed, videoed (several

observers, via CDNA; Dutch Birding 45: 138, plate 138, 2023).

The returning bird found in April 2021 and relocated in spring 2022. On 29 March, two males were photographed (together), but the legs of the second one were not seen or photographed, so it could not be accepted.

Falcated Duck / Bronskopeend

Mareca falcata 0,12,1 (13)

ZUID-HOLLAND Botlek, Rotterdam, 16-29 April, and Nieuwe Driemanspolder, Zoetermeer, and Leidschen-dam-Voorburg, 4-10 May, and 10-17 June, and Broekpolder, Vlaardingen, 23 May to 9 June, adult male, photographed, videoed (B Loeve et al, via CDNA; Dutch Birding 45: 208, plate 249, 2023).

Rediscovered seven times, changing between four different locations in the vicinity of Zoetermeer and Rotterdam until May 2024.

Oriental Turtle Dove / Oosterse Tortel

Streptopelia orientalis 0,11,1 (12) (0,7,1, *S o meena*)

FRIESLAND Lytsewierrum, 7-28 October, and Lemmerweg-West, Sneek, *Súdwest-Fryslân*, 27 December to 13 February 2024, adult, *S o meena*, photographed, videoed (J van der Pol, via D Pruiksma, J van der Sluis et al; Dutch Birding 46: 68, plate 92, 2024).

Plumage details show enough similarities to conclude that the sightings at both locations concern the same bird. It concerned the subspecies *S o meena*, of which there are now eight records. Half of all individuals have stayed for more than 90 days and thus could be considered overwintering birds.

*Horus Swift / Horusgierzwaluw

Apus horus 0,1,0 (1)

2019 FRIESLAND Jacobspad, and Westerplas, *Schiermonnikoog*, 26-27 September, 1cy, photographed (J J F Jansen et al; Jansen & Driessens 2024; Dutch Birding

41: 429, plate 585-586, 442, plate 612-613, 2019, 46: 145-146, plate 211-216, 148-151, figure 1-6, 2024).

This record has led to an in-depth paper on the identification of this species (Jansen & Driessens 2023). It took more than four years and consultation of foreign experts to decide on its identification. It concerns a new species for the Netherlands and also for the Western Palearctic.

Little Crake / Klein Waterhoen

Zapornia parva 29,58,4 (95)

GELDERLAND Polder Arkemheen, Nijkerk, Putten, 25 April, female, photographed (R van Arkel).

OVERIJSSSEL Weerribben, *Steenwijkerland*, 17 June, male, sound-recorded (C Brinkman et al).

FRIESLAND Twijzelermeden, *Achtkarspelen*, 19 August to 9 September, 1cy, photographed (L de Haan et al, via A Zijlstra; Dutch Birding 45: 420, plate 553, 2023).

UTRECHT Eemmeer, *Eemnes*, 31 August to 8 September, adult male, photographed, videoed (T Bakker, B van Nieuwenhoven et al; Dutch Birding 45: 356, plate 450, 2023).

This is the fifth year in a row with at least four birds. The only territorial bird was at Weerribben.

soft-plumaged petrel / donsstormvogel

Pterodroma mollis/feae/madeira/deserta 0,2,0 (2)

2022 ZEELAND Zeedijk, Westkapelle, *Veeve*, 26 September (M Pattikawa et al).

Just as with the first record in October 1992 this was a flyby without photographic evidence but the description by several observers did not leave much room for doubt. No identification to species was possible. Since *Desertas* Petrel *P deserta* has been split from Fea's Petrel *P feae*, this species has been added to the species group. In November 2002, this famous seawatch hotspot also produced the only record of Wilson's Storm Petrel *Oceanites oceanicus*.

559 Marbled Duck / Marmereend *Marmaronetta angustirostris*, male, Ezumakeeg, Friesland, 3 August 2023 (*Wim van Zwieten*)



560 Baikal Teal / Siberische Taling *Sibirionetta formosa*, adult male, Groene Jonker, Zevenhoven, Zuid-Holland, 29 March 2023 (*Garry Bakker*)





561-562 Horus Swift / Horusgierzwaluw *Apus horus*, juvenile, Westerplas, Schiermonnikoog, Friesland, 27 September 2019 (Jurriën van Deijk)

Cory's/Scopoli's Shearwater / Kuhls/Scopoli's Pijlstormvogel

Calonectris borealis/diomedea 0,12,4 (16)
NOORD-HOLLAND North Sea, Westerslag, *Texel*, 15 September, photographed (H van der Iest).

North Sea, Camperduin, *Bergen*, 5 October (N F van der Ham, P Doorn).

FRIESLAND North Sea, Strand Nes, *Ameland*, 23 September, videoed (T Langerak).

North Sea, Badstrand, *Schiermonnikoog*, 4 October (L W Nauta, R Rotscheid).

Four birds is a record year for this still remarkably rare species (pair); 16 out of a total of 22 (including six identified Cory's Shearwaters *C borealis*) are from September to November and only three from August. All unidentified fly-bys are from the northern coasts of the country whereas the identified (mostly beached) Cory's are from the south. The last few years have seen a return to large numbers of Cory's off south-western England, with several further up the Channel than normal. The status on the west side of the North Sea is an annual migrant at well-watched headlands like Flamborough Head, Yorkshire, and Spurn Point, East Yorkshire, and contrasts with that on the Dutch side.

Pygmy Cormorant / Dwergaalscholver

Microcarbo pygmaeus 0,8,1 (9)

UTRECHT Willeskop, Polsbroekerdam, and Polder Blokland, *Montfoort*, and Polder Benschop, *Lopik*, 25-26 September, also seen at Klinkenbergerplas, *Oegstgeest* ZH, 27-28 September, photographed, videoed

(T Sluis, A Boele, P van Duijn et al; Dutch Birding 45: 419, plate 547, 2023).

Based on plumage details, the same bird was seen in Bree, Limburg, Belgium, before and after the sightings in the Netherlands. 2023 saw a large influx of this species into Switzerland and it has also recently started breeding in Germany.

Sociable Lapwing / Steppiekievit

Vanellus gregarius 12,44,2 (58)

ZEELAND Middelplaten, Veerse Meer, *Goes*, 3 October, photographed (A Rusman, via CDNA; Dutch Birding 45: 422, plate 555, 2023).

GRONINGEN Wildervank, *Veendam*, 8-10 October, also seen at Tusschenwater, Zuidlaren, *Tynaarlo* DR, 10 October, photographed (E Klunder, B Koster et al). Two birds in a year is above average for this century.

Greater Sand Plover / Woestijnplevier

Anarhynchus leschenaultii 1,18,1 (20)

FRIESLAND Anjumer and Lioessenserpolder, and Hoek van de Bant, and Peazemerlannen, *Noardeast-Fryslân*, 7 May, adult male, photographed, videoed (B van den Boogaard, M de Boer, M ten Hoope et al; Dutch Birding 45: 280, plate 339, 2023).

This bird was possibly present in the Lauwersmeer area between 1 and 8 May but, on other dates than 7 May, it could not be sufficiently identified or documented. It concerned the subspecies *leschenaultii* or *scythicus* (and not *columbinus*). The wait continues for one of the other sand plover species.

Baird's Sandpiper / Bairds Strandloper

Calidris bairdii 0,15,1 (16)

NOORD-HOLLAND De Staart, Waalburg, Texel, 21 August, photographed (M Collier).

The first in five years. 14 of the 16 records were between July and September, with singles in May and November.

Semipalmated Sandpiper / Grijze Strandloper

Calidris pusilla 0,14,1 (15)

NOORD-HOLLAND Callantsoogervaart, Zijpe, Schagen, 22-23 September, 1cy, photographed, videoed (H Wieleman, P Rijk, T Glastra et al; Dutch Birding 45: 424, plate 564, 2023).

Surprisingly, the first 1cy ever.

Spotted Sandpiper / Amerikaanse Oeverloper

Actitis macularius 1,4,1 (6)

FRIESLAND Binnenkwelder, Schiermonnikoog, 20 June, summer plumage (K Stork, B Twijnstra et al).

The first in June and only the second without photographs.

Lesser Yellowlegs / Kleine Geelpootruiter

Tringa flavipes 2,55,2 (61)

NOORD-HOLLAND Natte Blok, Waalburg, Texel, 2-8 May, adult summer plumage, photographed, videoed (D Kok, J de Bruijn et al; Dutch Birding 45: 278, plate 335, 2023).

563 Semipalmated Sandpiper / Grijze Strandloper

Calidris pusilla, first calendar-year, Zijpe, Noord-Holland, 22 September 2023 (Thijs Glastra)



ZUID-HOLLAND Eendragtspolder, Zevenhuizen, Zuid-plas, 10-11 October, also seen at Polder Eijerwaard, and Polder Keizersguldenwaard, and Bandijk and Polder Hardenhoek, Noordwaard, Brabantse Biesbosch, Altena NB, 14-15 October and 1 November, 1cy, photographed (M van Veen, A Hamers, J Braat et al; Dutch Birding 45: 423, plate 559, 424, plate 563, 2023).

The bird from the Eendragtspolder was rediscovered three days later 30 km to the south-east.

Long-billed Dowitcher / Grote Grijze Snip

Limnodromus scolopaceus 0,52,4 (56)

NOORD-HOLLAND 13 ha, De Maden, Heemskerck, 23 September, 1cy, photographed (C B de Jager et al).

ZEELAND Sint Laurens Weihoek / Zandvoortweg, Buttinge, Veere, 28 April, adult summer plumage, photographed (Several observers, via CDNA).

Wanteskuip and Schor Oesterput, Colijnsplaat, and Inlaag Keihoogte and Bokkegat, Wissenkerke, Noord-Beveland, 8-20 October, 1cy, photographed, videoed (M Zevenbergen et al).

Sophiapolder, Oostburg, 15 October, and De Blikken, Groede, Sluis, 16 October to 7 November, 1cy, photographed, videoed (P D'hoore, J Klomp, L Verroken et al; Dutch Birding 45: 423, plate 560, 2023).

Noord-Holland and Zeeland are the most productive provinces for the species, with almost two thirds of all records (18 and 14, respectively).

Great Snipe / Poelsnip

Gallinago media 1,58,1 (60, since 1977)

OVERIJSEL Stadsgaten van Hasselt, Staphorst, 8-10 May, adult, photographed (J Bredenbeek, J Oosterhuis et al).

The photographs accompanying three other submissions showed more likely Common Snipes *G. gallinago* (see also not accepted reports). In general, reports can often not be accepted due to incomplete descriptions. This is not surprising due to the short viewing time flushed birds provide, making this arguably one of the most difficult species to submit and assess.

Bonaparte's Gull / Kleine Kokmeeuw

Chroicocephalus philadelphia 0,6,1 (7)

ZEELAND Zeedijk, Westkapelle, Veere, 27 October, adult winter plumage, photographed (S Lilipaly et al; Dutch Birding 45: 423, plate 562, 2023).

This species is still surprisingly rare, this being the third autumn record and the first for October. It is also only the third adult and was possibly the same as the one at the same locality on 24 March 2022.

Ross's Gull / Ross' Meeuw

Rhodostethia rosea 1,19,1 (21)

NOORD-HOLLAND Waterzuivering Everstekeog, Texel, 23 and 25-26 April, 2cy, photographed (H van Oosterhout et al).

The fourth for Texel and the 13th for Noord-Holland. With four records in April, only November (six) has seen more birds.



564 Bonaparte's Gull / Kleine Kokmeeuw *Chroicocephalus philadelphia*, adult winter, Westkapelle, Zeeland, 27 October 2023 (Corstiaan Beeke)

565 Ross's Gull / Ross' Meeuw *Rhodostethia rosea*, second calendar-year, Waterzuivering Eversteekoog, Texel, Noord-Holland, 25 April 2023 (Jos van den Berg/birdingtexel.com)



TABLE 1 Number of locations (n=272) per municipality in the Netherlands where Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis* 'Kajzerka' was tracked in 2023 / aantal locaties (n=272) per gemeente in Nederland waar Ringsnavelmeeuw *Larus delawarensis* 'Kajzerka' was gepeild in 2023

Country/municipality	Province	# of tracks	First date	Last date
Belgium		-	2023-01-01	2023-03-14
<i>Moerdijk</i>	NB	1	2023-03-14	2023-03-14
<i>Hoeksche Waard</i>	ZH	2	2023-03-14	2023-03-14
<i>Dordrecht</i>	ZH	1	2023-03-14	2023-03-14
<i>Molenlanden</i>	ZH	2	2023-03-14	2023-03-14
<i>Lopik</i>	UT	2	2023-03-14	2023-03-14
<i>Woerden*</i>	UT	29	2023-03-14	2023-03-16
<i>De Ronde Venen</i>	UT	5	2023-03-14	2023-03-14
<i>Stichtse Vecht</i>	UT	1	2023-03-14	2023-03-14
<i>Wijdmeren</i>	NH	25	2023-03-15	2023-03-16
<i>Utrecht</i>	UT	1	2023-03-15	2023-03-15
<i>Eemnes*</i>	NH	63	2023-03-16	2023-03-24
<i>Nijkerk*</i>	GE	23	2023-03-16	2023-03-19
<i>Bunschoten*</i>	UT	67	2023-03-17	2023-03-25
<i>Amersfoort*</i>	UT	41	2023-03-18	2023-03-24
<i>Zeewolde</i>	FL	3	2023-03-20	2023-03-20
<i>Baarn</i>	UT	3	2023-03-22	2023-03-24
<i>Kampen</i>	OV	1	2023-03-25	2023-03-25
<i>Zwartewaterland</i>	OV	1	2023-03-25	2023-03-25
<i>Staphorst</i>	OV	1	2023-03-25	2023-03-25
Germany		-	2023-03-25	?
tracks in NL		272	2023-03-14	2023-03-25

*seen and/or photographed/videoed

Ring-billed Gull / Ringsnavelmeeuw

Larus delawarensis 0,11,0 (11)

NOORD-BRABANT Volkerakmeer, *Moerdijk*, and also Mariapolder, Strijensas, *Hoeksche Waard*, and Allooijzempolder, *Dordrecht*, and Polder Zuidzijde, Oud-Alblas, and Polder Liesveld, Groot Ammers, *Molenlanden* ZH, and Polder Cabauw, *Lopik*, and Demmerikse Polder, Vinkeveen, *De Ronde Venen*, and Polder Groot en Klein Aa, Breukelen, *Stichtse Vecht*, 14 March, and Snel en Polanen, and Natuurplas Breeveld, and Polder Bijleveld en Reijerscop, *Woerden*, 14-16 March, and Haarrijnseplas, Vleuten, *Utrecht* UT, 15 March, and Loosdrechtse Plassen, *Wijdmeren* NH, 15-16 March, and Eemmeer, Eemnesservaart and Eempolders, *Eemnes* UT, 16-24 March, and Slichtenhorst, and Polder Arkemheen, and Nijkerkernauw, and Weldammerlaan, Hoevelaken, *Nijkerk* GE, 16-19 March, and Eemmeer and Polder de Haar and several other locations, *Bunschoten*, 17-25 March, and Polder Zeldert, and Vathorst-Noord, *Amersfoort* UT, 18-24 March, and Eemmeer, *Zeewolde* FL, 20 March, and Polder Zeldert, and Polder de Haar, *Baarn* UT, 22-24 March, and Bovenhaven, *Kampen*, and De Driehoek, Mastenbroek, *Zwartewaterland*, and Schuthekkeweg, *Staphorst* OV, 25 March, adult male, 'Kajzerka', colour-ringed, wearing GPS transmitter, tracked in NB (one location), ZH (five), UT (172), NH (88), FL (three), and OV (three), photographed, videoed in UT (15 and 19-24 March), GE (16 and 18 March), and NH (23 March) (several observers, via J Nagtegaal,

M Faber and CDNA; Dutch Birding 45: 212, plate 256, 2023).

This is 'Kajzerka', the male that, after wintering in Belgium again, visited the Netherlands for a couple of days on its spring migration to eastern Europe (see Gelling et al 2023 for more details on this bird in 2012, 2021 and 2022). Seen in the field on nine days at four locations thanks to the GPS-data (table 1).

Short-toed Snake Eagle / Slangenarend

Circaetus gallicus 3,64,- (73)

2008 # ZUID-HOLLAND Hoekse Sluis, Bergambacht, *Krimpenerwaard*, also seen at Houtrakkerbeemden, Spaarndam, *Haarlemmermeer*, 23 April, and De Koog, *Texel* NH, 24 April, 2cy, photographed (G C Mourik, C G A Oskam) (was Houtrakkerbeemden, *Haarlemmerliede en Spaarwoude*, 23 April, and De Koog, *Texel* NH, 24 April, Ovaa et al 2009).

This species is no longer considered since 1 January 2012, but the CDNA still welcomes records before this date.

Lesser Spotted Eagle / Schreeuwendend

Clanga pomarina 3,19,4 (26)

GRONINGEN Thesinge, *Groningen*, 6 May, 3cy or older, photographed (J Bosma, H Tamminga; Dutch Birding 45: 281, plate 342, 2023).

DRENTHE Benderse, Ruinen, *De Wolden*, 20 May, 2cy, photographed (R Middelveld, via CDNA).

Ter Horsterzand, Dwingelderveld, *Midden-Drenthe*, 27 May, 2cy, photographed (E de Weerd).

FRIESLAND Fochteloërveen, *Ooststellingwerf*, also seen at Boelenslaan, *Achtkarspelen*, 9 June, 2cy, photographed (J Bosma, S Booi, Y Booi).

The second best year, only surpassed by the five in 2021. With 18 of 25 records since 2012, the species seems to be increasing but this may also be an artefact because of increased observer coverage, better digital cameras and faster communication.

Greater/Lesser Spotted Eagle / Bastaardarend/Schreeuwend

Clanga clanga/pomarina 0,12,3 (15)

FRIESLAND Tjongerdellen, *Heerenveen*, 5 February, 3 or 4cy, photographed (R Fopma, H Sinnema, A Zijlstra; Dutch Birding 45: 139, plate 140, 2023).

OVERIJSEL *Losser*, 14 May, 2cy, photographed (W van der Woning).

GELDERLAND Vlieterweg / Hopeseweg, *Scherpenzeel*, also seen at Ederveen and De Kade, *Ede*, and Schalm, *Renswoude* and *Dragonder-Zuid*, *Veenendaal* UT, 10 June, 2cy, photographed (R Jousma et al).

The Friesland bird was most likely a Greater Spotted Eagle *C clanga* but a *C clanga x pomarina* hybrid could not be sufficiently excluded. The bird at Losser was probably a Lesser Spotted Eagle *C pomarina* but Greater Spotted or hybrid could not be fully excluded. The Gelderland/Utrecht bird was initially submitted as a 3cy Eastern Imperial Eagle *A heliaca* but the photographs showed a 2cy *Clanga* eagle, probably Lesser Spotted or hybrid.

Booted Eagle / Dwegarend

Aquila pennata 0,46,5 (51)

NOORD-BRABANT Heeswijk-Dinther, *Bernheze*, 7 June, dark morph, photographed (S Geurts; Dutch Birding 45: 281, plate 341, 2023).

Vianen, *Land van Cuijk*, 10 July, pale morph, photographed (J J F J Jansen; Dutch Birding 45: 356, plate 449, 2023).

GELDERLAND Deelensche Veld, Nationaal Park de Hoge Veluwe, *Ede*, 8 June, dark morph (A Vink, W B Jansen).

LIMBURG Bergerheide, *Bergen*, 25 June, pale morph (C van Turnhout, R Felix).

Arcen, *Venlo*, 14 October, 1cy, dark morph, photographed (L Reutelingsperger).

Five individuals are only surpassed by the 10 in 2020. A pattern seems to be emerging (45 are from late April to late June) and this species appears to become a rare (overshooting) migrant rather than a vagrant.

Steppe Eagle / Stepparend

Aquila nipalensis 1,5,1 (7)

NOORD-BRABANT Moleneind, *Oss*, 20 May, 2cy, photographed (via CDNA).

A lucky observer managed to get three good photographs while the bird passed over her garden.

Tengmalm's Owl / Ruigpootuil

Aegolius funereus 3,20,1 (66)

GELDERLAND Holterhoek, Eibergen, *Berkelland*, 23-24

April, singing, sound-recorded (R J Kluijvers et al).

It took some discussion to get the grips with the sound and the context of this case, but eventually the committee decided to accept it. The sound-recordings on later dates were either unclear, or pertain the uncommon bubbling call of Tawny Owl *Strix aluco*.

Eurasian Scops Owl / Dwergooruil

Otus scops 4,14,1 (19)

OVERIJSEL Anerweerdweg, Zuid Meene, Gramsbergen, *Hardenberg*, 19 June, found dead, skin retained in collection of Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden ZH, photographed (J Leferink).

Already the fifth to be found dead.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater / Groene Bijeneter

Merops persicus 1,3,1 (5)

FRIESLAND Fochteloërveen, *Ooststellingwerf*, 5 August, adult, photographed, videoed (B van den Hoek et al; Dutch Birding 45: 359, plate 458, 2023).

The second twitchable bird and, like the others, of the subspecies *M p persicus*. As with the first twitchable in 2010, it stayed long enough for quite a few people but not long enough for many.

Lesser Kestrel / Kleine Torenvalk

Falco naumanni 0,2,0 (2)

2022 ZUID-HOLLAND Bentwoud-Oost, *Waddinxveen*, and *Alphen aan den Rijn*, 10 September, 1cy female, photographed (G van der Voet, G Bakker).

Only the second record – the first involved a bird found moribund at Bergen NH on 5 November 2000 (Ebels & Roselaar 2005) – and again it eluded the crowds. Sightings of an Eleonora's Falcon *F eleonorae* and a Red-footed Falcon *F vespertinus* led many birders to the Bentwoud area. Here, two observers independently photographed a suspect kestrel. The first observer published his photographs (thought to be of a Red-footed) on www.waarneming.nl, where validators identified it as Common Kestrel *F tinnunculus*. For various reasons, the second observer withdrew his initial thoughts on the bird ('possibly a Lesser Kestrel'), identified it as Common and did not publish any photographs. Months later, two Belgian birders discovered the photographs on www.waarneming.nl, which lead to re-identification as Lesser Kestrel. The record was submitted and several experts were asked for their opinion on the bird's identification. First-year Lesser and Common are difficult to separate. In this case, the full set of photographs revealed multiple characters in favour of Lesser, safely ruling out Common. A detailed paper on this record will be published in due course.

Icelandic Merlin / IJslands Smelleken

Falco columbarius subaeson 6,1,0 (7)

2022 NOORD-HOLLAND Vogelringstation Castricum, Noordhollands Duinreservaat, *Castricum*, 22 and 24 November, 1cy female, ringed, photographed (R Reijnders, S Douwstra, N J Hollenberg).

The photographs clearly showed a female Merlin, with a measured straightened wing length of 238 mm. The



566 Blue-cheeked Bee-eater / Groene Bijeneter *Merops persicus*, adult, Fochteloërveen, Friesland, 5 August 2023 (Lennart Verheuel) **567** Lesser Kestrel / Kleine Torenvalk *Falco naumanni*, first calendar-year female, Bentwoud, Zuid-Holland, 10 September 2022 (Garry Bakker) **568** Icelandic Merlin / IJslands Smelleken *Falco columbarius subaeson*, first calendar-year female, Noordhollands Duinreservaat, Castricum, Noord-Holland, 22 November 2022 (Richard Reijnders) **569** Icelandic Merlin / IJslands Smelleken *Falco columbarius subaeson*, first calendar-year female, Noordhollands Duinreservaat, Castricum, Noord-Holland, 24 November 2022 (Shirley Douwstra)

maximum wing length in females of *F. c. aesalon* from Europe (not in Iceland) is well short of this length. The previous six records were all of birds found dead between 1854 and 1950. This was, therefore, quite a remarkable record but, as *F. c. subaeson* occurs regularly in winter in France and has even reached Spain as evidenced by ring recoveries, it might be overlooked in the Netherlands.

Gyr Falcon / Giervalk

Falco rusticolus 4,5,1 (10)
NOORD-HOLLAND De Slufter, Mokbaai, Westerslag, Bollekamer and De Muy, Texel, 7 December to 19 February 2024, 1 to 2cy, grey morph, photographed, videoed (T van der Es, M Loeve et al; Dutch Birding 46: 139, plate 201-202, 2024).

The first since 2011 and only the second for Noord-

Holland. Initially it was reported as an unidentified large falcon, the bird was only identified with certainty at the end of January. Based on the pattern of some broken primaries visible on photographs it could be accepted for the whole period.

Red-tailed/Daurian Shrike / Turkestaanse/Daurische Klauwier

Lanius phoenicuroides/isabellinus 0,6,1 (7)
ZUID-HOLLAND Berkheide, Wassenaar, 13 June, adult male, photographed (L van der Krogt, R van Rossum, F van Duivenvoorde et al).

Most probably Red-tailed Shrike *L. phoenicuroides* but Daurian Shrike *L. isabellinus* could not be fully excluded because the bird was too distant. Only the third in spring after one of both species in May.



570 Gyrfalcon / Giervalk *Falco rusticolus*, second calendar-year, De Slufter, Texel, Noord-Holland, 2 February 2024 (Wim van Zwieten)

Lesser Grey Shrike / Kleine Klapekster

Lanius minor 21,43,1 (65)

NOORD-HOLLAND Duivelshoek, Noordhollands Duinreservaat, *Heemskerk*, 6 June, photographed (H Nielsen, H Schekkerman et al; Dutch Birding 45: 283, plate 350, 2023).

Seen almost every year since 2011, with 24 records since then. More than half of all records were between mid-May and mid-June.

Crested Lark / Kuifleeuwerik

Galerida cristata -,4,2 (6, since 2015)

GRONINGEN Eemshaven Oost, *Het Hogeland*, 6 May, photographed (T Burger).

ZEELAND Westenschouwen, *Schouwen-Duiveland*, 17 November, photographed, sound-recorded (A Clements).

The species became extinct as a breeding bird in 2015 and since then it is considered by the CDNA. Of the six records since that year, the bird in Groningen is the northernmost as the others concerned three fly-bys in the south-west and two long-stayers in the south and centre of the country.

Greater Short-toed Lark / Kortteenleeuwerik

Calandrella brachydactyla 3,71,2 (76)

LIMBURG Karstraat, Wittem, *Gulpen-Wittem*, 30 April, photographed, sound-recorded (B Alards, R van Tiel).

DRENTHE Osbroeken, Zuidlaren, *Tynaarlo*, 2 May, photographed (J Vogel, W Vogel).

Still considered because of the many fly-by records, most from visible migration sites, but even when the flight calls are recorded and the birds are photographed, the identification is often not as straightforward as one would expect. 50 records are from spring (from late April to mid-June).

Calandra Lark / Kalanderleeuwerik

Melanocorypha calandra 0,7,1 (8)

FLEVLAND Grote Praambult, Oostvaardersplassen, *Lelystad*, 13 May, photographed, videoed (H Wielerman et al; Dutch Birding 45: 283, plate 349, 2023).

Found during a regional big day. Except for the first record in October, all records are from spring.

Eurasian Crag Martin / Rotszwaluw

Ptyonoprogne rupestris 0,9,1 (14)

GELDERLAND Doornenburg, and Klompenwaard, *Lingewaard*, 26 November, 1cy, photographed, videoed (M van der Wielen, K de Gruijter, K Muijers et al; Dutch Birding 46: 71, plate 97, 2024).

A well-twitted bird and, as usual, in late autumn; just one record is outside this period, in June 2021.

Green Warbler / Groene Fitis

Phylloscopus nitidus 0,2,1 (3)

ZEELAND Sint Anthoniepolder, Ovezande, *Borssele*, 6 July, adult, singing, photographed, sound-recorded (T Luiten et al; Luiten et al 2024; Dutch Birding 45: 358, plate 456, 2023, 46, 335, plate 513-516, 2024).



571 Eurasian Crag Martin / Rotszwaluw *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*, first calendar-year, Doornenburg, Gelderland, 26 November 2023 (Dennis Jansen)



572 Green Warbler / Groene Fitis *Phylloscopus nitidus*, adult, Ovezande, Zeeland, 6 July 2023 (Thomas Luiten)

An excellent find by one of the best rarity finders, and this in his garden! After the first two in June, this is the first in July. With quite a few recent records in north-western Europe, this species is now on many birders' radar in late spring. Including pending records there are now 13 for Britain, of which 12 since 2014 and all but two in May-July, with singles in September and October.

Radde's Warbler / Raddes Boszanger

Phylloscopus schwarzi 2,71,4 (77)

FRIESLAND Kobbbeduinen, *Schiermonnikoog*, 8 October, 1cy, photographed (M Oosterhuis, D Oosterhuis, J Oosterhuis et al; Dutch Birding 45: 427, plate 567, 2023).

Makkumer Zuidwaard, *Súdwest-Fryslân*, 22 October, photographed (S Bernardus).

NOORD-HOLLAND Abdij van Egmond, Egmond-Binnen, *Bergen*, 27 Oktober, 1cy, photographed, sound-recorded (B Lagerveld et al).

ZUID-HOLLAND Maasvlakte, *Rotterdam*, 11-12 November, 1cy, photographed, sound-recorded, videoed (A Molenaar, A-W van der Wal et al; Dutch Birding 46: 69, plate 94, 2024).

This was the final year the species was considered. The final record assessed was also the latest ever, together with one in 2021 on the same date. The most recent year with less than three was 2015 (figure 2).

Western Bonelli's Warbler / Bergfluter

Phylloscopus bonelli 6,58,0 (64)

2018 DRENTHE Berkenheuvel, Wapse, *Westerveld*, 3 May, male, ringed, singing, sound-recorded (R Bijlsma, via E Kersten, Vogeltrekstation).

1960 # NOORD-HOLLAND Hilversumse Golfclub, *Hilversum*, 13-24 May, singing, sound-recorded, accepted after reassessment (E Carp et al, via H Wieleman).

The bird in Drenthe was caught during a Wood Warbler *P sibilatrix* study. It was submitted as a result of a project synchronising all records of rare birds in the Dutch ring-

ing scheme with the CDNA data. The bird from 1960 was already accepted as a bonelli's warbler *P bonelli/orientalis*. A new analysis of the sonagrams of the recorded song clearly shows that it was a Western Bonelli's Warbler.

bonelli's warbler / bergfluter

Phylloscopus bonelli/orientalis 3,10,1 (14)

FRIESLAND Kroonspolders, *Terschelling*, 23 August, 1cy, photographed (H Wieleman et al; Dutch Birding 45: 357, plate 454, 2023).

The photographs clearly show a bonelli's warbler with features hinting towards Western Bonelli's Warbler *P bonelli* but without a recorded call the identification remained uncertain.

Iberian Chiffchaff / Iberische Tjiftjaf

Phylloscopus ibericus 2,66,4 (72)

ZUID-HOLLAND Dijkpolder, Maasland, *Midden-Delfland*, 17 April to 25 May, singing, photographed, sound-recorded, videoed (M Poot et al, via CDNA; Dutch Birding 45: 215, plate 261, 2023).

NOORD-HOLLAND Robbenjager, and Polder Wassenaar, *Texel*, 7-8 May, singing, photographed, sound-recorded (F van der Meer, R van der Meer et al).

NOORD-BRABANT Boswachterij De Kempen, Bladel, *Bergeijk*, 14 May to 10 June, singing, photographed, sound-recorded, videoed (C van Turnhout et al, via F Neijts).

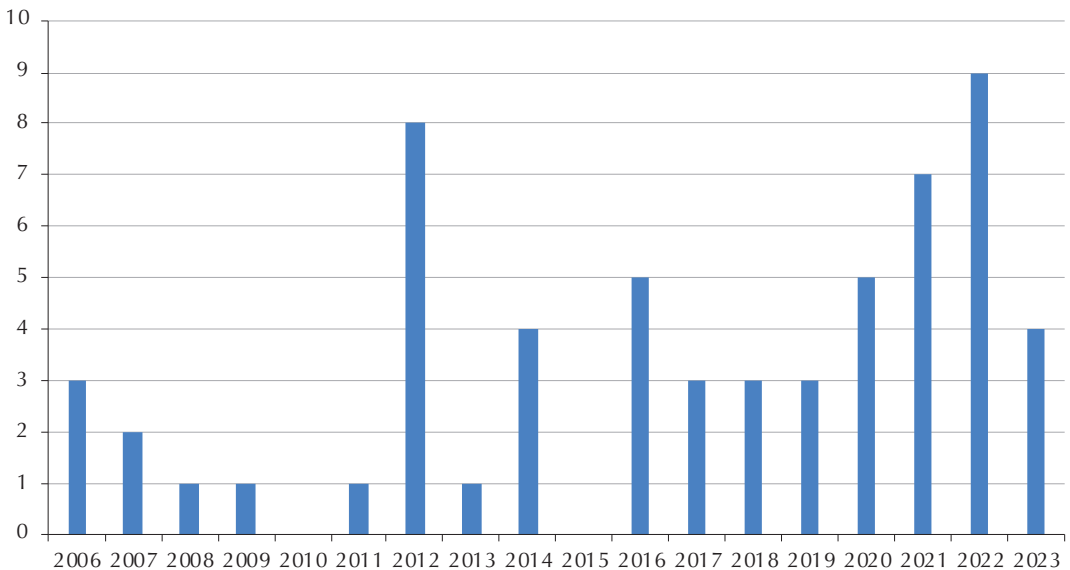
Klotterpeel, De Rips, *Gemert-Bakel*, 18 May to 16 June, singing, photographed, sound-recorded (L van der Wind, K van der Wind, R van den Heuvel et al).

Almost all records still concern singing, and often also calling, birds from 8 April to late June. The bird at Gemert-Bakel was most probably breeding. On 7 June, it was transporting food a couple of times to the same area low in the vegetation. A second chiffchaff was seen here too but it could not be established whether this was a Common Chiffchaff *P collybita* or a second Iberian Chiffchaff (van den Heuvel & Ballering 2024).



573 Radde's Warbler / Raddes Boszanger *Phylloscopus schwarzi*, first calendar-year, Maasvlakte, Zuid-Holland, 12 November 2023 (Garry Bakker)

FIGURE 2 Number of Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi* records per year in 2006-23 (n=60) /
aantal gevallen van Raddes Boszanger *Phylloscopus schwarzi* per jaar in 2006-23 (n=60)





574 Eastern Black-eared Wheatear / Oostelijke Blonde Tapuit *Oenanthe melanoleuca*, second calendar-year male, Koehool, Friesland, 22 April 2023 (Maarten Hotting)

575 Isabelline Wheatear / Izabeltapuit *Oenanthe isabellina*, Prins Hendrikzanddijk, Texel, Noord-Holland, 11 November 2023 (Toon Pop)





576 Alpine Accentor / Alpenheggenmus *Prunella collaris*, second calendar-year, Den Haag, Zuid-Holland, 23 March 2023 (Thijs Glastra)

Western Subalpine Warbler / Westelijke Baardgrasmus
Sylvia iberiae 0,10,1 (11)

NOORD-HOLLAND Zuidpier, IJmuiden, *Velsen*, 10 May, 2cy male, photographed, sound-recorded (D Groenendijk et al; Dutch Birding 45: 283, plate 347, 2023).

The colour of the underparts, primary-projection and structure in the sonagrams of the calls confirmed the identification.

Eastern Subalpine Warbler / Balkanbaardgrasmus

Sylvia cantillans 1,40,1 (42)

ZUID-HOLLAND Groene Dijk, Ouddorp, *Goeree-Overflakkee*, 3 June, 2cy male, photographed, sound-recorded (G Tanis et al; Dutch Birding 45: 283, plate 348, 2023).

This is the most southerly record. Almost all records are from the North Sea coast from Rotterdam to the north up to the Wadden Islands.

Booted Warbler / Kleine Spotvogel

Iduna caligata 0,34,2 (36)

NOORD-HOLLAND De Tuintjes, *Texel*, 2 September, 1cy, photographed (D Kok, H Hupkes; Dutch Birding 45: 428, plate 573, 2023).

Horspolder, *Texel*, 16 September, 1cy, photographed, sound-recorded (T Glastra, P Rijk, T Avila Lutke Schipholt et al; Dutch Birding 45: 429, plate 574, 2023).

September is a classic month (with 26 of the 36 records)

and these were already the fourth and fifth for Texel but two in one year on the same Wadden Island was a novelty.

Blyth's Reed Warbler / Struikrietzanger

Acrocephalus dumetorum 0,93,- (94)

2019 NOORD-BRABANT Den Opslag, Moergestel, *Hilva-renbeek*, 4 June, singing, videoed (H Koekkoek; de Jong 2023).

This species is no longer considered since 1 January 2021 but the CDNA still welcomes records before this date.

Thrush Nightingale / Noordse Nachtegaal

Luscinia luscinia 7,66,- (80)

1987 # FRIESLAND Herdershut, *Schiermonnikoog*, 9 June, singing, photographed, sound-recorded accepted after reassessment, (T Kompier, H van der Jeugd, L J R Boon).

The sound-recording left no room for doubt about the identification, and the additional description that instigated the reassessment matched the species. This species is no longer considered since 1 January 2012 but the CDNA still welcomes records before this date.

Red-spotted Bluethroat / Roodsterblauwborst

Luscinia svecica svecica 24,59,2 (86)

GRONINGEN Rottumerplaat, *Het Hogeland*, 19 May, 2cy male, photographed (B Ubels, L Dötig; Dutch Birding

45: 285, plate 353, 2023).

NOORD-HOLLAND Vogelingstation Castricum, Noord-hollands Duinreservaat, *Castricum*, 27 May, 2cy male, ringed, photographed (J Visser, A Wijker).

With two records this was an average year and with a classic timing: 87% of all records are from May.

Eastern Black Redstart / Oosterse Zwarte Roodstaart

Phoenicurus ochruros phoenicuroides 0,12,2 (14)

NOORD-HOLLAND Sportpark / Arena, *Hilversum*, 28 January, 2cy male, photographed (F Derricks et al; Dutch Birding 45: 142, plate 146, 2023).

Egmond aan den Hoef, *Bergen*, 27 October to 5 November, male, photographed, videoed (A C la Roi, L Edelaar, W van Splunder et al; Dutch Birding 45: 429, plate 575, 2023).

Females are impossible to identify with confidence, so it is not surprising that all records to date concern males.

Collared Flycatcher / Withalsvliegenvanger

Ficedula albicollis 24,20,1 (45)

UTRECHT Hofdijk, *Montfoort*, 3 May, 2cy male, found dead, skin retained at Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden ZH, photographed (P Planquë, via R Messe-maker; Dutch Birding 45: 287, plate 358, 2023).

A window victim in a polder village.

Siberian Stonechat / Aziatische Roodborsttapuit

Saxicola maurus 7,46,2 (57)

NOORD-HOLLAND Robbenjager, *Texel*, 25-26 October, 1cy male, photographed (A Wassink et al; Dutch Birding 45: 428, plate 571, 2023).

Vogelduin-Zuid, Bakkum, Noordhollands Duinreservaat, *Castricum*, 28 October, 1cy, probable female, photographed (J Rozema, S Nijenhuis, R Nijenhuis et al; Dutch Birding 45: 428, plate 572, 2023).

With 25 records, Noord-Holland is the most productive province, followed by Zuid-Holland with 16 and Friesland with 12. The other nine provinces combined recorded only three.

Common Rock Thrush / Rode Rotslijster

Monticola saxatilis 2,16,1 (19)

NOORD-HOLLAND Eierlandse Duinen, De Tuintjes and Sebastopol, *Texel*, 5 May, 2cy male, photographed (F Majoor, T van der Es, A Wassink et al; Dutch Birding 45: 285, plate 354, 2023).

16 of the 19 records are from the period 22 April to 19 May, with singles in June, July and October.

Isabelline Wheatear / Izabeltapuit

Oenanthe isabellina 0,23,4 (27)

FRIESLAND Stortemelk, *Vlieland*, 25-27 September, photographed (S Fleur, J Vermeulen et al; Dutch Birding 45: 427, plate 569, 2023).

NOORD-HOLLAND Witte Hoek-oost, *Texel*, 22 October, photographed (A Wassink et al).

Prins Hendrikzanddijk, *Texel*, 31 October to 12 November, photographed, videoed (T van der Es et al; Dutch Birding 45: 427, plate 570, 2023).

ZUID-HOLLAND Oude-Tonge, *Goeree-Overflakkee*, 23

October, photographed (B Droog, via CDNA).

Four equals last year's record. 20 of the 27 records have been since 2014; there is only one spring record.

Eastern Black-eared Wheatear / Oostelijke Blonde Tapuit

Oenanthe melanoleuca 1,5,1 (7)

FRIESLAND Westhoek, and Seedyk, Koehool, *Waadhoeke*, 22 April, 2cy male, photographed, videoed (S Bernardus et al, via C Fokker; Dutch Birding 45: 214, plate 260, 2023).

Based on visible features on photographs and video images, the bird was identified as an Eastern Black-eared Wheatear. As DNA material was collected, future DNA analysis may support or alter the identification; in the latter case, this record will need to be reassessed.

Alpine Accentor / Alpenheggenmus

Prunella collaris 0,18,2 (21)

ZUID-HOLLAND Wijnhavenkwartier, *Den Haag*, 23 February to 23 March, 2cy, photographed, videoed (B Kuipers, J Verboom et al; Dutch Birding 45: 140, plate 142, 214, plate 259, 2023).

UTRECHT Polder de Hoon, *Houten*, 31 May to 1 June, 2cy, photographed, videoed (M van Schooten, H Bouman et al; Dutch Birding 45: 281, plate 344, 2023).

A photograph of the bird in Zuid-Holland was published on Facebook, the bird sitting on a windowsill on the 33rd floor of one of the tallest buildings in Den Haag. It was later sometimes seen on a platform on the 10th floor. Observing the bird from the street below the building was less easy. This was the first in winter and the first which stayed longer than 10 days. Most were seen for only one to four days. The bird in Houten constituted the first into June.

Blyth's Pipit / Mongoolse Pieper

Anthus godlewskii 0,18,2 (20)

ZUID-HOLLAND Langevelderslag, *Noordwijk*, 10 October, sound-recorded (A Dwarshuis, G van Baalen, T Witteveen).

Meijendel, *Wassenaar*, 31 October to 1 November, 1cy, photographed, sound-recorded (V van der Spek et al; Dutch Birding 45: 427, plate 566, 2023).

The first bird was found by a birder while being interviewed in the dunes for his podcast about bird migration. The second was found in a restricted access area; the following day the sole observer present witnessed the bird being taken by a Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*.

*Siberian Buff-bellied Pipit / Siberische Waterpieper

Anthus japonicus 0,0,1 (1)

ZUID-HOLLAND Polder Nieuw-Bonaventura-noord, 's-Gravendeel, *Hoeksche Waard*, 7 February to 17 March, photographed, videoed (C Fokker et al; Fokker 2023; Dutch Birding 45: 143, plate 150, 298-299, plate 371-378, 2023).

A spectacular discovery of a new species found during colour-ring research on Water Pipits *A spinoletta*. The photographic material showed enough details to ex-



577 Yellow-browed Bunting / Geelbrauwgors *Emberiza chrysophrys*, first calendar-year male, Oost-Vlieland, Vlieland, Friesland, 28 October 2023 (Wietze Janse)

578 Dark-eyed Junco / Grijze Junco *Junco hyemalis*, second calendar-year male, Hippolytushoef, Noord-Holland, 7 May 2023 (Jan van der Laan)





579 Siberian Buff-bellied Pipit / Siberische Waterpieper
Anthus japonicus, 's-Gravendeel, Zuid-Holland,
10 February 2023 (Eduard Sangster)



580 Black-headed Bunting / Zwartkopgors *Emberiza melanocephala*, female, Noordhollands Duinreservaat, Castricum, Noord-Holland, 13 June 2023 (Hans Schekkerman)

clude American Buff-bellied Pipit *A. rubescens*. The only records in European countries bordering the Atlantic Ocean or North Sea are in France (one; wintering from 22 December 2018 to 12 January 2019) and Norway (two), with other records as far north as Finland (one) and Sweden (five). The search continues for the first American Buff-bellied Pipit; with c 45 records from Iceland and more than 60 from Britain, that species is widely predicted to be one of the next additions to the Dutch avifauna.

Two-barred Crossbill / Witbandkruisbek

Loxia leucoptera 6,69,1 (286)
OVERIJSSSEL Heerlijkheid De Eese, Steenwijkerland, 8 July, 2cy or older female, photographed (J van Arkel). While attempting to photograph Red Crossbills *L. curvirostra*, this was the first bird which landed in front of the hide of the photographer.

Dark-eyed Junco / Grijs Junco

Junco hyemalis 1,4,1 (6)
NOORD-HOLLAND Hippolytushoef, Hollands Kroon, 7 May, 2cy male, *J. h. hyemalis*, photographed (M Buijse, J van Helvoort et al, via J van der Laan; Dutch Birding 45: 287, plate 356, 2023). Found and photographed in a village garden. Clear moult limits in more than one feather tract on the upperwing showed this to be a young bird. Like five out of the six records, it concerned the subspecies *J. h. hyemalis*.

Black-headed Bunting / Zwartkopgors

Emberiza melanocephala 2,20,1 (23)
NOORD-HOLLAND Vogelringstation Castricum, Noordhollands Duinreservaat, Castricum, 13 June, female, ringed, photographed (R Reijnders, H Schekkerman et al; Dutch Birding 45: 284, plate 352, 2023). With nine birds in the last decade, this species is now almost annual. This is only the second to be trapped and

ringed. Moreover, it concerns only the second female. Apart from three 1cy individuals in autumn which could not be sexed, all the others concerned males.

Cretzschmar's Bunting / Bruinkeelortolaan

Emberiza caesia 1,3,1 (5)
ZUID-HOLLAND Krimpen aan de Lek, Krimpenerwaard, 5 May, adult male, photographed (A F Weidema, M von Lindern et al; Dutch Birding 45: 287, plate 357, 2023).

Found and photographed in a village garden. The first since the only twitchable bird, exactly 10 years previously.

Yellow-browed Bunting / Geelbrauwgors

Emberiza chrysophrys 0,2,1 (3)
FRIESLAND Oost-Vlieland, Vlieland, 27-31 October, 1cy male, photographed, sound-recorded, videoed (R Wilschut, J Vlot et al; Dutch Birding 45: 431, plate 576, 2023).

After last year's first twitchable bird, the second came much sooner than expected.

Not accepted reports

This list contains all reports not accepted by the CDNA. Reports marked with @ were not accepted by all committee members in the first or second voting. Most reports were rejected because the identification was not fully established (often due to lack of documentation) or when the bird showed signs of captivity, such as dubious rings, suspicious wear and/or aberrant behaviour.

White-headed Duck / Witkoppeend *Oxyura leucocephala* 29 July to 27 August, Polder Eierwaard, Noordwaard, Brabante Biesbosch, *Altena* NB, 1cy, two, juveniles, photographed, videoed (identification accepted but sta-

tus doubtful). Late July is exceptionally early for (two) juveniles, wild juveniles should not be expected before mid-August based on the timing of breeding of the south-eastern population. Spanish birds are predominantly or entirely resident. **Black Scoter / Amerikaanse Zee-eend** *Melanitta americana* 11 April, Kraaijbergse Plassen, *Land van Cuijk* NB, male, photographed (@ features visible on photographs indicate that it was more likely a male Common Scoter *M nigra*, with more than average yellow on bill); 23 September, North Sea, *Schiermonnikoog* FR, photographed (@ description incomplete and photographs not detailed enough to exclude other species); 22 October, Egmond aan Zee, *Bergen* NH, male, photographed (@ photographs show Common Scoter). **Hooded Merganser / Kokardezaagbek** *Lophodytes cucullatus* 14 April 2019 to 1 November, Zouweboezem, Ameide, *Vijfheerenlanden* UT, 2cy to adult male, photographed, videoed (see additional committee work); 16 September to 10 October, Eemmeer, *Eemnes* UT, 1cy, photographed (see additional committee work); 23 October to 9 November, Amsterdamse Waterleidingduinen, *Zandvoort* NH, 1cy male, photographed (see additional committee work). **Ring-necked Duck / Ringsnaveleend** *Aythya collaris* 16 December, IJsselmeer, Afsluitdijk, *Súdwest-Fryslân* FR (@ description incomplete). **Baikal Teal / Siberische Taling** *Sibirionetta formosa* 18 March, Park van Luna / Stad van de Zon, Heerhugowaard, *Dijk en Waard*, male, photographed (@ identification accepted but absence of rings could not be proven); 29 March, Groene Jonker, Zevenhoven, *Nieuwkoop* ZH, adult male, photographed (@ identification accepted but absence of rings could not be proven). **Cory's/Scopoli's Shearwater / Kuhls/Scopoli's Pijlstormvogel** *Calonectris borealis/diomedea* 23 September, North Sea, Noorderstrand, *Schiermonnikoog* FR (@ description incomplete). **Greater Sand Plover / Woestijplevier** *Anarhynchus leschenaultii* 1 May, Bochtjesplaat, Lauwersmeer, and 8 May, Hoek van de Bant, *Noardeast-Fryslân* FR (@ possibly same bird as that seen on 7 May in this area but observation time too short and not all essential identification features were seen to exclude other species; see also main text). **Greater Yellowlegs / Grote Geelpootruiter** *Tringa melanoleuca* 13 August, Stolpweg, Haamstede, *Schouwen-Duiveland* ZL, photographed (@ photographs show juvenile Common Redshank *T totanus*). **Lesser Yellowlegs / Kleine Geelpootruiter** *Tringa flavipes* 16 October, Polder Keizersguldenwaard, Noordwaard, Brabantse Biesbosch, *Altena* NB, photographed (description incomplete and photographs not of sufficient quality to exclude other species). **Great Snipe / Poelsnip** *Gallinago media* 28 April, Koehool, *Waadhoeke* FR, photographed (@ features visible on photographs indicate that it was more likely Common Snipe *G gallinago*); 26 May, De Putting, Hengstdijk, *Hulst* ZL (@ description incomplete); 8 July, Zwanenwater, *Schagen* NH, photographed (@ photographs show Common Snipe); 29 August, De Enk, *Kampen* OV, photographed (@ features visible on photograph indicate that it was more likely Common Snipe). **Steppe Eagle / Stepparend** *Aquila nipalensis* 21 May, Wilp, *Voorst* GE (@ description incomplete). **Eastern**

Imperial Eagle / Keizerarend *Aquila heliaca* 14 June, Oosterhoogebrug, *Groningen* GR (@ description incomplete). **Golden Eagle / Steenarend** *Aquila chrysaetos* 14 September, Rozenburg, *Rotterdam* ZH (@ description incomplete). **Bald Eagle / Amerikaanse Zearend** *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* 17 May to 9 July, IJteren, *Maastricht* LB, Vaarle, *Nuenen, Gerwen en Nederwetten* NB, Fochteloërveen, *Ooststellingwerf, Ameland, Schiermonnikoog* FR, *Zwolle* OV and *Texel* NH, 2cy, photographed (@ identification accepted but ring type indicated escape from captivity). **Eurasian Pygmy Owl / Dwerguil** *Glaucidium passerinum* 28 January, *Wijhe, Olst-Wijhe* OV, sound-recorded (@ bird not seen and sound-recording matches Chicken *Gallus gallus domesticus*); 28 September, Mandeveld, *Opsterland* FR, sound-recorded (@ call resembles this species, but bird not seen and only two single calls recorded with long time in between; mechanical sound not excluded). **Tengmalm's Owl / Ruigpootuil** *Aegolius funereus* 25-29 April, Holterhoek, *Eibergen, Berkelland* GE, singing, sound-recorded (sound-recordings from 26 and 29 April concern Tawny Owl *Strix aluco* and sound-recording from 25 April not of sufficient quality to exclude Tawny). **Blue-cheeked Bee-eater / Groene Bijeneter** *Merops persicus* 16 September, Rottumerplaat, *Het Hogeland* GR, sound-recorded (intriguing sighting but very short observation time, no second look, therefore description incomplete. Sound-recording not of sufficient quality to be sure). **Daurian Shrike / Daurische Klauwier** *Lanius isabellinus* 16 September, Slikken van de Heen, *Tholen* ZL, adult male, photographed (identification probably correct, but circumstances uncertain, only one compressed photograph by an unknown photographer without sufficient context was found on Facebook). **Greater Short-toed Lark / Kortteenleeuwerik** *Calandrella brachydactyla* 12 May, Kapvlakte, *Schiermonnikoog* FR, sound-recorded (@ sound-recording and sonagram match Eurasian Skylark *Alauda arvensis*); 10 September, Westenschouwen, *Schouwen-Duiveland* ZL, photographed, sound-recorded (@ description incomplete, photographs and sound-recording not of sufficient quality to exclude other species); 14 October, Hazewater, *Leusden* UT, sound-recorded (@ sound-recording does not match this species but most probably White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*). **Two-barred Warbler / Swinhoes Boszanger** *Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus* 9-10 October, Hellegatsplaten, *Goeree-Overflakkee* ZH, photographed, sound-recorded (@ sound-recording did not fully match this species and multiple characters on photographs fit Yellow-browed Warbler *P inornatus* better than Two-barred). **Radde's Warbler / Raddes Boszanger** *Phylloscopus schwarzi* 9 October, Vogelringstation Paradijsveld, Amsterdamse Waterleidingduinen, *Zandvoort* NH, 1cy, ringed, photographed (@ photographs show Dusky Warbler *P fuscatius*); 19 October, Camping 'De Paardekreek', Kortgene, *Noord-Beveland* ZL (@ description incomplete). **Western Bonelli's Warbler / Bergfluiter** *Phylloscopus bonelli* 2 April, Rottige Meente, *Weststellingwerf* FR, photographed (@ photographs show Common Chiffchaff *P collybita* or Willow Warbler *P trochilus*). **Iberian Chiffchaff / Iberische Tjiftjaf** *Phylloscopus iberi-*

cus 12-14 May and 3 June, Petten, Schagen NH, photographed, sound-recorded (@ call not recorded, recorded song not good for this species, implying mixed singer, and photographs point more to Common Chiffchaff *P collybita*); 25-29 May, Waardweg, Hollands Kroon NH, photographed, sound-recorded (@ recorded song and call did not fully match this species, implying mixed singer); 26-27 May, Fort Beneden Lent, Nijmegen GE, photographed, sound-recorded (@ recorded song and call not good for this species, implying mixed singer, and photographs point more to Willow Warbler *P trochilus*). **Hume's Whitethroat / Humes Braamsluiper** *Sylvia althaea* 25 October, Vogelringstation Schiermonnikoog, Het Groene Glop, Schiermonnikoog FR, 1cy, ringed, photographed (@ following CDNA policy, not eligible for acceptance without DNA analysis; see Gelling et al 2019). **Collared Flycatcher / Withalsvliegenvanger** *Ficedula albicollis* 29 May to 5 June, Dekemastate, Jelsum, Leeuwarden FR, photographed, sound-recorded (photographs and sound-recordings show intermediate features which could point towards hybrid with European Pied Flycatcher *F hypoleuca* but pure Collared or aberrant European Pied Flycatcher cannot be excluded. Two faecal samples were collected, so future DNA analysis could provide clarification). **Siberian Stonechat / Aziatische Roodborstapuit** *Saxicola maurus* 14 October, Doenrade, Beekdaelen LB, photographed (@ photographs show pale European Stonechat *S rubicola*).

2022

Hooded Merganser / Kokardezaagbek *Lophodytes cucullatus* 14 April 2019 to 1 November 2023, Zouweboezem, Ameide, Vijfheerenlanden UT (see additional committee work).

2021

Hooded Merganser / Kokardezaagbek *Lophodytes cucullatus* 16, 23 and 31 January, Willige Langerak, Lopik UT, and Schoonhoven, and 12-13 and 16 February, Buitenlanden, Ammerstol, Krimpenerwaard, and 14-16 February Achterwaterschap, Alblasserwaard, Molenlanden ZH, adult male, photographed (see additional committee work); 1-10 February, Hoelmerkoog, and Wieringen, and Den Oeverseweg, Hollands Kroon NH, adult male, photographed (see additional committee work); 4 March to 11 May, Lochem GE, adult male, photographed, videoed (see additional committee work); 14 April 2019 to 1 November 2023, Zouweboezem, Ameide, Vijfheerenlanden UT (see additional committee work). **Yellow-billed Loon / Geelsnavelduiker** *Gavia adamsii* 21 October, North Sea, Vliehors, Vlieland FR (@ description incomplete).

2020

Hooded Merganser / Kokardezaagbek *Lophodytes cucullatus* 14 April 2019 to 1 November 2023, Zouweboezem, Ameide, Vijfheerenlanden UT (see additional committee work); 11 October 2019 to 1 March, Zevenhuizerplas, and Eendragtspolder, Zevenhuizen, Zuidplas, and Bleiswijkse Zoom, Rottemeren, and Klap-polder-zuid, and Bleiswijk, Lansingerland ZH, adult

male, photographed, videoed (see additional committee work); 19-23 October, Bremerbergdijk, Biddinghuizen, Dronten FL, adult female, photographed (see additional committee work).

2019

Hooded Merganser / Kokardezaagbek *Lophodytes cucullatus* 14 April to 1 November 2023, Zouweboezem, Ameide, Vijfheerenlanden UT (see additional committee work); 8-9 October, Bremerbergdijk, Biddinghuizen, Dronten FL, female, photographed (see additional committee work); 11 October to 1 March 2020, Zuidplas, and Lansingerland ZH (see 2020); 16 December, Wijde Aa, Kaag en Braassem ZH, female, photographed (see additional committee work).

2018

Hooded Merganser / Kokardezaagbek *Lophodytes cucullatus* 5-6 November, Haarijnse Plas, Vleuten, Utrecht UT, 2cy male, photographed, videoed (Gelling et al 2019; see additional committee work)

2017

Hooded Merganser / Kokardezaagbek *Lophodytes cucullatus* 12 November to 1 December, Noorderkolk, Zwarte Water and Langenholte, Zwolle OV, adult male, photographed, videoed (Gelling et al 2018; see additional committee work).

2016

Red-flanked Bluetail / Blauwstaart *Tarsiger cyanurus* 16 October, Vakantiepark Sluftervallei, Texel NH, found dead, not collected, photographed (no longer accepted after re-assessment, no description and, moreover, photograph appears to be derived from other record).

2012

Tengmalm's Owl / Ruigpootuil *Aegolius funereus* 14-31 March, Gasseltveld, Boswachterij Gieten-Borger, Aa en Hunze DR, two, calling (@ no documentation and description incomplete).

2010

Hooded Merganser / Kokardezaagbek *Lophodytes cucullatus* 13 January to 15 February, Genemuiden, Zwartewaterland OV, adult female, photographed (Ovaa et al 2012; see additional committee work).

2008

Long-legged Buzzard / Arendbuizerd *Buteo rufinus* 7 May, Naarden, Gooise Meren, adult, photographed (@ photographs do not match description).

2007

Hooded Merganser / Kokardezaagbek *Lophodytes cucullatus* 27 November 2007 to 12 January 2008, Broekbos, Biddinghuizen, Dronten FL, and 25 January to 10 February 2008, Ooievaar- and Reigerplas, Zeewolde FL, first-winter male, photographed, videoed (Ovaa et al 2012; see additional committee work). **Pacific Golden Plover / Aziatische Goudplevier** *Pluvialis fulva* 28-31

August, Workumerwaard, *Súdwest-Fryslân* FR, adult summer plumage, photographed, videoed, not accepted after reassessment (Ovaa et al 2009; photograph and video show European Golden Plover *P apricaria*).

1989

Indigo Bunting / Indigogors *Passerina cyanea* 10-23 March, Science Park (former Annahoeve), *Amsterdam* NH, photographed (after a long reassessment, the committee ultimately decided not to accept it based on combination of facts: it concerned an adult bird with very tame behaviour at an inner-city location and occurrence on this latitude in North America early March would be very exceptional).

1974

Western Swamphen / Purperkoet *Porphyrio porphyrio* 15 December 1974 to 6 January 1975, Valleikanaal, *Woudenberg* UT (@ description not detailed enough to exclude other swamphen species like Grey-headed Swamphen *P poliocephalus* and status doubtful regarding observed twisted toes and limping).

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