



Welsh Records Panel

A subcommittee of The Welsh Ornithological Society

Scarce species (assessed by WRP) are defined as those occurring on average five times or fewer annually in Wales. As of 1 August 2019, the full list of species which the Panel considers is as follows:

Bean Goose	Stone-curlew	Pallas's Warbler
American Wigeon	Black-winged Stilt	Radde's Warbler
Green-winged Teal	American Golden Plover	Dusky Warbler
Ring-necked Duck	Kentish Plover	Barred Warbler
Lesser Scaup	Temminck's Stint	Icterine Warbler
Surf Scoter	White-rumped Sandpiper	Melodious Warbler
Smew	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Blyth's Reed Warbler
White-billed Diver	Pectoral Sandpiper	Marsh Warbler
Cory's Shearwater	Red-necked Phalarope	Rose-coloured Starling
Great Shearwater	White-winged Black Tern	Nightingale
Wilson's Petrel	Ring-billed Gull	Bluethroat
Night Heron	Caspian Gull	Red-flanked Bluetail
Purple Heron	Alpine Swift	Red-breasted Flycatcher
White Stork	Bee-eater	Citrine Wagtail
Glossy Ibis	Red-footed Falcon	Olive-backed Pipit
Red-necked Grebe	Golden Oriole	Common Rosefinch
Black Kite	Red-backed Shrike	Common Redpoll
White-tailed Eagle	Woodchat Shrike	Arctic Redpoll
Montagu's Harrier	Penduline Tit	Parrot Crossbill
Rough-legged Buzzard	Bearded Tit*	Serin
Golden Eagle	Shore Lark	Cirl Bunting
Spotted Crake	Short-toed Lark	Ortolan Bunting
Corncrake	Red-rumped Swallow	Little Bunting
Crane	Greenish Warbler	Corn Bunting

* descriptions required for birds away from Gwent/East Glamorgan, where the species breeds

Any species that occur less frequently than those above will be forwarded to the British Birds Rarities Committee for consideration: see bbc.org.uk/main-information/species-taxa

Scarce races are considered on the same basis (i.e. all those occurring on average five times or fewer annually). However, it is acknowledged that the status, and in some case the identification, of some races is uncertain. The WRP welcomes well-documented submissions of races that observers consider to be scarce in Wales. Through this process we hope to establish the occurrence of these forms but submissions will probably in most cases require detailed descriptions, photographic evidence and in some cases biometrics or a specimen.

BBRC has requested submission of rare races (see Kehoe, C. 2006 Racial identification and assessment in Britain, *British Birds* 99: 619-645 for extra guidance) and the WRP will forward any claims that are considered sufficiently rare for BBRC to assess. Examples of races for which the WRP would like to receive reports are:

Black Brant Goose – <i>nigricans</i>	Treecreeper – <i>familiaris</i>
Iceland Gull – <i>kumlieni</i>	Coal Tit – <i>ater</i>
Common Guillemot – <i>hyperborean</i>	Jay – <i>glandarius</i>
Razorbill – <i>torda</i>	Jackdaw – <i>monedula</i>
Little Auk – <i>polaris</i>	Redpolls – <i>islandica</i> / <i>rostrata</i>
Great Spotted Woodpecker – <i>major</i>	Bullfinch – <i>pyrrhula</i>
Grey-headed Wagtail – <i>thunbergi</i>	