



WELSH BIRDS RARITIES COMMITTEE

Welsh rarity list

As of 1st January 2026, the full list of species which WBRC consider is as follows:

Taiga Bean Goose	Tundra Bean Goose	American Wigeon	Surf Scoter
Smew	Alpine Swift	Corncrake	Spotted Crake
Red-necked Grebe	Stone-Curlew	Black-winged Silt	American Golden Plover
Temminck's Stint	White-rumped Sandpiper	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Pectoral Sandpiper
Red-necked Phalarope	Lesser Yellowlegs	Bonaparte's Gull	Ring-billed Gull
Caspian Gull	White-winged Black Tern	Little Auk	White-billed Diver
Wilson's Storm Petrel	Cory's Shearwater	Great Shearwater	Night Heron
Purple Heron	Golden Eagle	White-tailed Eagle	Montagu's Harrier
Black Kite	Rough-legged Buzzard	Bee-eater	Red-footed Falcon
Red-backed Shrike	Woodchat Shrike	Golden Oriole	Short-toed Lark
Shore Lark	European Red-rumped Swallow	Greenish Warbler	Arctic Warbler
Dusky Warbler	Radde's Warbler	Pallas's Warbler	Barred Warbler
Icterine Warbler	Melodious Warbler	Marsh Warbler	Blyth's Reed Warbler
Nightingale	Bluethroat	Red-flanked Bluetail	Red-breasted Flycatcher
Penduline Tit	Citrine Wagtail	Olive-backed Pipit	Serin
Common Rosefinch	Corn Bunting	Cirl Bunting	Ortolan Bunting
Little Bunting			

As of 1st Jan 2027, Bewick's Swan will be added to the WBRC list.

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

Black Brant Goose – <i>nigricans</i>	Black-tailed Godwit – <i>limosa</i>	Bar-tailed Godwit – <i>tamyrensis</i>
Green-winged Teal	Iceland Gull – <i>kumlieni</i>	Grey-headed Wagtail - <i>thunbergi</i>
Coal Tit – <i>ater</i>	Lesser Whitethroat – <i>blythi</i>	Robin – <i>rubecula</i>
Dunnock - <i>modularis</i>	Jackdaw – <i>monedula</i>	Bullfinch – <i>pyrrhula</i>
Snow Bunting – <i>nivalis</i>	Redpolls - "Mealy", "Arctic" <i>islandica</i> / <i>rostrata</i>	

Any subspecies not on the Welsh List and which does not meet the BBRC criteria as a rare subspecies should also be submitted to WBRC.