

# Rare birds in the Netherlands in 1989

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This is the 10th annual report on rare birds in the Netherlands to be published in Dutch Birding (a Dutch-language version of this report appears in *Limosa*). It comprises 341 records (78% of which have been accepted) dating from 1989 (some into 1990 for long-staying individuals) as well as belated and reconsidered records, mainly from 1980-88, which have been evaluated by the Dutch rarities committee, the Commissie Dwaalgasten Nederlandse Avifauna CDNA. Several records for 1989 and earlier years are still under consideration for various reasons. A complete review of all rarity records from 1800-1980 has recently been completed and will be published in due course.

Details included (if available) for each accepted record are: province and locality; date(s); number of birds when more than one, plumage and sex; if trapped, photographed, sound-recorded or found dead (and where specimen is stored); names of up to three observers and relevant references in the literature (which normally includes (inter)national, not regional, journals). Numbers after each (sub)species' name refer to the total numbers of individuals 1 since 1 January 1980 but excluding 2 the current year. (Sub)species marked with an asterisk \* are new to the Dutch list.

This report includes records in 1989 of 12 species considered by the CDNA but not previously covered in Dutch Birding: Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*, Great Bustard *Otis tarda*, Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*, Long-tailed Skua *Stercorarius longicaudus*, Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*, Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*, Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*, Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti*, Fantailed Warbler *Cisticola juncidis*, Aquatic Warbler *Acrocephalus paludicola*, Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria* and Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris*.

It is interesting to note that 19 species classified as vagrant in Britain occur in such numbers in the Netherlands that they are not listed in this report. These are Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus*, Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*, Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*, Great White Egret *Egretta alba*, Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*, Lesser White-fronted Goose *Anser erythropus*, Red-breasted Goose *Branta ruficollis*, Black Kite *Milvus migrans*, White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla*, Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus*, Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*, Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*, White-

winged Black Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*, Black Woodpecker *Dryocopus martius*, Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*, Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*, Short-toed Treecreeper *Certhia brachydactyla*, Penduline Tit *Remiz pendulinus* and Nutcracker *Nucifraga caryocatactes*. Of these, Lesser White-fronted Goose, Red-breasted Goose, Black Woodpecker, Crested Lark, Short-toed Treecreeper and Nutcracker were not reported for Britain and Ireland in 1989 (cf Rogers et al 1990).

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Records should be sent to CDNA, Postbus 45, 2080 AA Santpoort-Zuid, Netherlands, preferably using standard record forms, which can be obtained free of charge from CDNA. More information on the procedures of the CDNA can be found in Dutch Birding 9: 141-143, 1987; 11: 83-85, 1989; 12: 201, 1990.

The year 1989 produced five new species for the Netherlands, ie, Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla* in June along the Oostvaardersdijk, Flevoland, (at least) two Bridled Terns *Sterna anaethetus* in July-August in Zeeland and Noordholland, two Demoiselle Cranes *Anthropoides virgo* in August-September at Heusden, Noordbrabant, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *C acuminata* in September at Philip-pine, Zeeland, and Wallcreeper *Tichodroma muraria* from November to April 1990 at Amsterdam, Noordholland. Five new (sub)species recorded before 1989 and now formally accepted comprise American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica* in November 1900 at Birdaard, Friesland, Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* in November 1979 at Oosterland, Zeeland, Black-headed Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava feldegg* in May 1988 near Delfzijl, Groningen, Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos* in October 1988 on Schiermonnikoog, Friesland, and Arctic Guillemot *Uria aalge hyperborea* in November 1988 along the Brouwersdam, Zuidholland.

There has never been a year with a higher number of additions to the Dutch list, although 1958, 1986 and 1987 also resulted in five 'firsts'. There was also a good number of other notable rarities,

eg, the second and third American Golden Plover, the second Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti*, the third and fourth King Eider *Somateria spectabilis*, the fourth White-throated Sparrow *Zonotrichia albicollis*, the fifth Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus* (while the fourth returned for the third consecutive spring), the fifth Eye-browed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*, the fifth Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis*, the sixth to 11th Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica* (including a flock of five) and the sixth Yellow-breasted Bunting *Emberiza aureola*. Important records reported for previous years include the third Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni* in 1988, the fourth (chronologically the second) Short-toed Eagle *Circus gallicus* in 1959, the sixth and seventh Surf Scoter *Melanitta perspicillata* in 1987 and 1988, and a large number of trapped Arctic Redpolls *Carduelis hornemanni* in the winter of 1988/89.

#### Systematic list of accepted records

**Balearic Shearwater** *Puffinus yelkouan mauretanicus* 7,3

FRIESLAND Terschelling, 19 August, photographed (P Verbeek, van der Burg et al 1989b).

NOORDHOLLAND Camperduin, 27 August (R de Lange, M Olthoff et al).

ZEELAND Westkapelle, 23 September (H P Braam et al).

This was the best year ever. Records during 1980-89 were in July (one), August (four), September (four) and October (one). The Terschelling bird was flying behind the ferry and was the first that could be photographed in Dutch waters.

**Storm Petrel** *Hydrobates pelagicus* 6,4

FRIESLAND Afsluitdijk, 9 October (N F van der Ham, K J Eigenhuis et al).

ZUIDHOLLAND Noordwijk, 12 October, found dead and photographed (P Edelaar); Maasvlakte, 3 November, adult female, found dead and photographed (E J O Kompanje).

NOORDHOLLAND IJmuiden, 30 October (J Scharringa, E B Ebels et al).

Storm Petrels have been considered by the CDNA since 1 January 1982. Post-1981 records came from September (two), October (four), November (three) and December (one).

**Squacco Heron** *Ardeola ralloides* 10,0

1984 ZUIDHOLLAND Alblasserwaard, 14-30 July, adult, photographed (J W de Roever, H A Gaasbeek, A P Ros).

Previously, this record was erroneously given for August (Blankert et al 1986).

48 Cattle Egrets *Bubulcus ibis*, Tricht, Gelderland, January 1989 (Hans Gebuis)







49 Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*, Nieuw-Lekkerland, Zuidholland, December 1989 (Hans Gebuis)

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* 25,3

GELDERLAND Tricht, 13 January to 1 February, two, winter plumage, photographed (J van 't Bosch, L J R Boon, P van Scheepen et al, van der Burg et al 1989a).

NOORDHOLLAND Monnickendam, 12-13 September, adult, summer plumage (M Berlijn).

1986 FRIESLAND Sondel, 27 July (T Haitjema).

In the last decade, two to four individuals were recorded annually, except in 1983 (none) and 1984 (one).

**Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* 5,1

ZUIDHOLLAND Nieuw-Lekkerland, 6 December to January 1990, adult, photographed (van der Burg et al 1990).

The presence of escaped individuals of related species, notably Puna Ibis *P. ridgwayi*, exemplifies the need for detailed descriptions to prevent confusion.

**Greater Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus ruber roseus* 11,2

ZEELAND Philipsdam, 13 May, adult (F G S M Hieselaar, R W Strucker, F G Dorël).

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersplassen, 24-30 June, adult (L J R Boon, K Kraayeveld, R Kraayeveld et al).

FRIESLAND Steile Bank, 16 July to 10 August, maximum of two (K Zwaan, E van Hijum).

1987 FRIESLAND Steile Bank, 29 August to 23 September, adult (T Haitjema).

1986 FRIESLAND Steile Bank, 20 August to 24 September, adult (T Haitjema).

1984 FRIESLAND Taczijl, 14 January, adult (T Haitjema); Steile Bank, 19 June to 9 August, maximum of three adults (T Haitjema).

1982 FRIESLAND Steile Bank, 12-26 June, two adults (T Haitjema); Oudemirdum, 27 June to 3 July, two adults (T Haitjema).

1979 FRIESLAND Steile Bank, 23 July to 13 August, adult (T Haitjema); Oudemirdum, 7-18 August, adult (T Haitjema).

1978 FRIESLAND Steile Bank, 5 August to 16 September, adult (T Haitjema).

It is assumed that all records in Friesland refer to the same three long-staying individuals, of which two were reported on the Steile Bank in 1988 (van den Berg et al 1989).

**Ross's Goose** *Anser rossii* 3,0

ZUIDHOLLAND Stellendam, 15 January, two adults (H A Gaasbeek).

FRIESLAND Wonsradeel, 25 February to 10 March, two adults (R E Brouwer, J van 't Hof); Idsegahuizum, 11 March, two adults (P van Scheepen, W Hoogendoorn, A Vink).

These records probably refer to the same two individuals reported in 1988 (van den Berg et al 1989, Dutch Birding 1990). The CDNA did not receive any records for June-September 1988 (contra van Dongen 1989).

**Black Brant** *Branta bernicla nigricans* 38,5

NOORDHOLLAND Anna Paulowna, 22 January, adult (T Haitjema, R Rieder); Texel, 14-27 October, adult (R de Lange, A de Bruin, A B van den Berg et al).

FRIESLAND Terschelling, 6-7 March, adult (J Jukema, J Kloppenburg); Ameland, 27 March, adult (P Edelaar, L van Gent); Schiermonnikoog, 13 May, adult (D Heg).

There are only eight records prior to 1980.

**American Wigeon** *Anas americana* 8,1

FRIESLAND Schiermonnikoog, 25 February-12 March, adult male, photographed (M Olthoff, M Berlijn, H A Gaasbeek et al); Workumerwaard, 6 June, male (K Zwaan).

The Schiermonnikoog bird is considered to be the same as the one seen in October 1988 (cf van den Berg et al 1989).

**Green-winged Teal** *Anas crecca carolinensis* 2,1

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersplassen, 3-7 January, adult male (W Ozinga, L Hoogenstein, P van Scheepen et al).

This was the first January sighting, bringing the total number of records up to nine, mainly recorded in spring (two in March, four in April and one in May) plus one in November.

**Blue-winged Teal** *Anas discors* 9,0

1988 ZUIDHOLLAND Meijndel, 28-30 April, adult male (G van der Bent, L J R Boon, A Remeeus et al).

This record was previously reported for 28 April (van den Berg et al 1989).

**King Eider** *Somateria spectabilis* 1,2

NOORDHOLLAND IJmuiden, 8 April, female, photographed (E van Lokven, van der Burg et al 1989b).

FRIESLAND Kornwerderzand, 7-9 October, immature male (S Bernardus, A de Bruin, K Kraayeveld et al).

After a male in May 1975 and a long-staying male seen at various places along the North Sea coast from December 1981 to March 1982, the April bird established the third record and the first of a female. Although IJmuiden is a well-watched area, the bird's presence would have gone unrecorded if no pictures had been taken. The Kornwerderzand male constituted the fourth record and was generally considered to have been the same individual as the Harlingen bird from 4 to 30 April 1990 (Berlijn et al 1990, Dutch Birding 1990, Anonymus 1991). However, new observations in autumn 1990 from the Waddensea and especially the presence of two males at Harlingen in January 1991 indicated that different birds may have been involved.

**Surf Scoter** *Melanitta perspicillata* 4,0

1988 CONTINENTAL SHELF Off Walcheren, 17 December, adult male (A Bogaerts).

1987 NOORDHOLLAND IJmuiden, 7 November, female (J Koerts, J J Bakhuizen, A Vink et al).

All seven records were in November-April. The 1987 bird was the first female. It was only seen in flight and it took quite some time before the committee accepted the record. The 1988 bird was also seen during a short time, from a ship.

**White-headed Duck** *Oxyura leucocephala* 3,1

LIMBURG Stevensweert, female or immature, 22 January (M Berlijn).

ZUIDHOLLAND Maasdijk, female or immature, 9 December 1988 to 8 March 1989 (P van Scheepen, C Burghout, E B Ebels).

The Maasdijk bird is reported for only 9-11 December 1988 in van den Berg et al 1989. The CDNA still awaits information to confirm that the Stevensweert bird was present in February as well.

**Short-toed Eagle** *Circus gallicus* 1,0

1959 FRIESLAND Molkwerum, 27 October, photographed (Romijn 1990).

This weakened bird was picked up in poor condition, photographed, misidentified as a 'pale Buzzard' *Buteo buteo* and then released. It took 30 years before the observer rediscovered the slides and found to his amazement that it actually was the second record of Short-toed Eagle. The previous record and the two later ones were also finds, in November 1907 at Oldebroek, Gelderland, in June 1979 at Wijdenes, Noordholland, and in August 1981 on the Maasvlakte, Zuidholland.

**spotted eagle** *Aquila pomarina/clanga* 1,0

1987 OVERIJSEL Engbertsdijkseveen, 18 October, adult (J F Bekhuis et al).

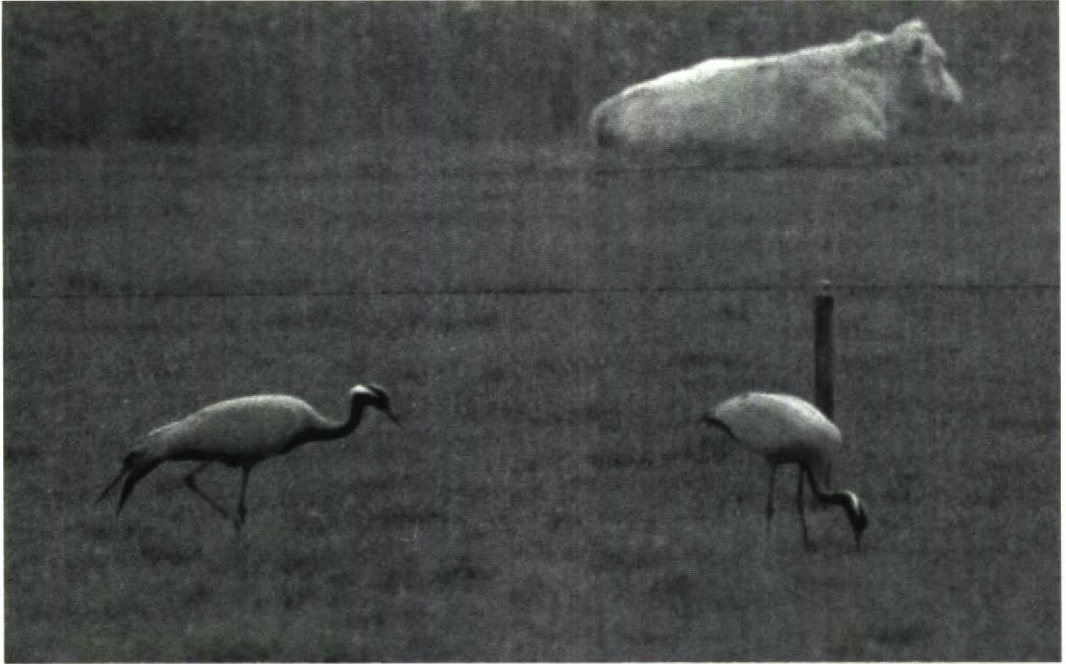
The CDNA is unable to judge which of the species was concerned. After review, five records of Lesser Spotted Eagle *A. pomarina* and 15 of Spotted Eagle *A. clanga* remain acceptable. Both species have only been recorded once during 1980-89.

**\*Demoiselle Crane** *Anthropoides virgo* 0,2

NOORDBRABANT Heusden, 17 August to 12 September, two, adults, photographed (J Timmermans, M Berlijn, C van Seggelen, T van Seggelen et al, Anonymus 1989c, van der Burg et al 1989a,b).

During the day, these two birds foraged in harvested maize fields. Every late afternoon, they flew off in the direction of a well-known Crane *Grus grus* stop-over site on the Strabrechtse Heide, Noordbrabant. There were no indications that the birds originated from captivity. News of the birds' presence was withheld until 10 September and the birds were last seen on 12 September when flying off at noon. On 11 September, the birds were filmed and broadcasted by NOS television. Only recently, the CDNA received information that they were already present on 25 July at Schaijk, Noordbrabant. Photographs suggest that they may have been the same individuals as the two seen on 4 October near Bleiburg, Kärnten, Austria (cf





50 Demoiselle Cranes *Anthropoides virgo*, Heusden, Noordbrabant, September 1989 (Arnoud B van den Berg)

Weber 1990). Recent records from Hungary (Sterbetz 1987) show the likelihood of this species' occurrence in central Europe.

**Great Bustard** *Otis tarda* 58,0

1987 LIMBURG Herkenbosch, 31 January to 7 February, maximum of 12, photographed (R Cuypers, W Vergoossen).

This record brings the total of individuals noted in 1987 to 20. The only other post-1979 influx was in 1985 (26). There were no sightings in 1983, 1988 and 1989.

**Stone-curlew** *Burhinus oedichnemos* 10,1

NOORDHOLLAND Texel, 18 May (F J Maas).

Records during 1980-89 are from May (five), June (one), July (one), August (three) and September (one).

**\*American Golden Plover** *Pluvialis dominica* 0,2

NOORDHOLLAND Texel, 19-26 October, adult, photographed (A Meijer, T M F Kompier, E B Ebels et al, Meijer 1989, van der Burg et al 1989a, 1990).

FRIESLAND Stavoren, 19 November, first winter, photographed (K Zwaan, E van Hijum, K H Scholten, Zwaan 1989).

1900 FRIESLAND Birdaard, November, juvenile female,

trapped and collected (C S Roselaar 1990).

The Texel bird was discovered during the DBA week and it was temporarily regarded as the first for the Netherlands. However, it soon became known that the skin of the 1900 bird had recently been discovered amidst skins of Pacific Golden Plover *P fulva* in the collection of the Zoological Museum at Amsterdam, Noordholland. The Stavoren bird was seen by a much smaller number of observers than the Texel bird and disappeared within a day, being cleared by the CDNA on scanty photographic evidence.

**\*Semipalmated Sandpiper** *Calidris pusilla* 0,1

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersdijk, 12-13 June, (possibly first) summer (L van der Veen, M Berlijn, E B Ebels, K J Eigenhuis et al, van der Veen 1989).

The bird was probably already present on 11 June (van der Veen 1989). Contrary to the other 1989 additions to the Dutch list, no photographs were obtained. Interestingly, there are no June records from Britain and Ireland where the species has been recorded 57 times in July-November and once in May.

**Pectoral Sandpiper** *Calidris melanotos* 21,5

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersdijk, 24-27 May, adult, summer plumage (M Berlijn, C Reijnders, L van der Veen).

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DRENTHE Nieuw-Buinen, 19 July, adult, summer plumage (S Luinenburg).

FRIESLAND Mokkebank, 6-8 August (K Zwaan, E van Hijum).

GELDERLAND Wilp, 28-29 August (G Groot Koerkamp, D C Uit de Weerd et al).

ZEELAND Philippine, 14-17 September, juvenile (L Bekaert, A de Bruin et al).

There are now 35 records, seven in May-June, 27 in July-September and one in November.

### \*Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata* 0,1

ZEELAND Philippine 14-21 September, adult, photographed (L Bekaert, P van Daele, W de Smet et al, Anonymus 1989c, Bekaert 1989, van der Burg et al 1989a,b).

The bird was foraging in an empty water basin, often together with a Pectoral Sandpiper. An adult present during 3-6 September at Longchamps, Namen, Belgium, is believed to be another individual.

### Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus* 29,7

ZUIDHOLLAND Goedereede, 1 May, adult, summer plumage (H Verkade).

GRONINGEN Eemshaven, 16 May (P M Gnodde, L J R Boon et al); Lauwersmeer, 25-27 May, two (A de Bruin, S de Bruin, L J R Boon et al).

ZEELAND Brouwershaven, 18 May, two adults, summer plumage (H Schekkerman, P Derks, P L Meininger).

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersdijk, 23 May, adult, summer plumage (K J Eigenhuis).

The species has been recorded annually during 1981-89 (not in 1980), with numbers in May increasing. The record of a flock of eight in May 1984 along the Oostvaardersdijk, Flevoland, is still under consideration and not included in the above totals.

### Great Snipe *Gallinago media* 8,1

FRIESLAND Workumerwaard, 16-17 June (M Argeloo, T J C Luijendijk et al).

This is the first June record for 1980-89. A few odd records (such as one in January 1980) perhaps warrant review (cf van den Berg & Ebels 1990).

### Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus* 4,1

GRONINGEN Lauwersmeer, 11-16 May, adult, summer plumage, photographed (E B Ebels et al, van der Burg et al 1989a, Dutch Birding 1990); Lauwersmeer, 3-5 November, adult, winter plumage (D Schut, D Blok, M Berlijn et al).

The bird in May was probably the same individual seen in the Lauwersmeer in July 1987 and May 1988. It returned again in May 1990 (Dutch Birding 1990). The November bird may have been another individual.

51-52 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata*, Philippine, Zeeland, September 1989 (Hans Gebuis)





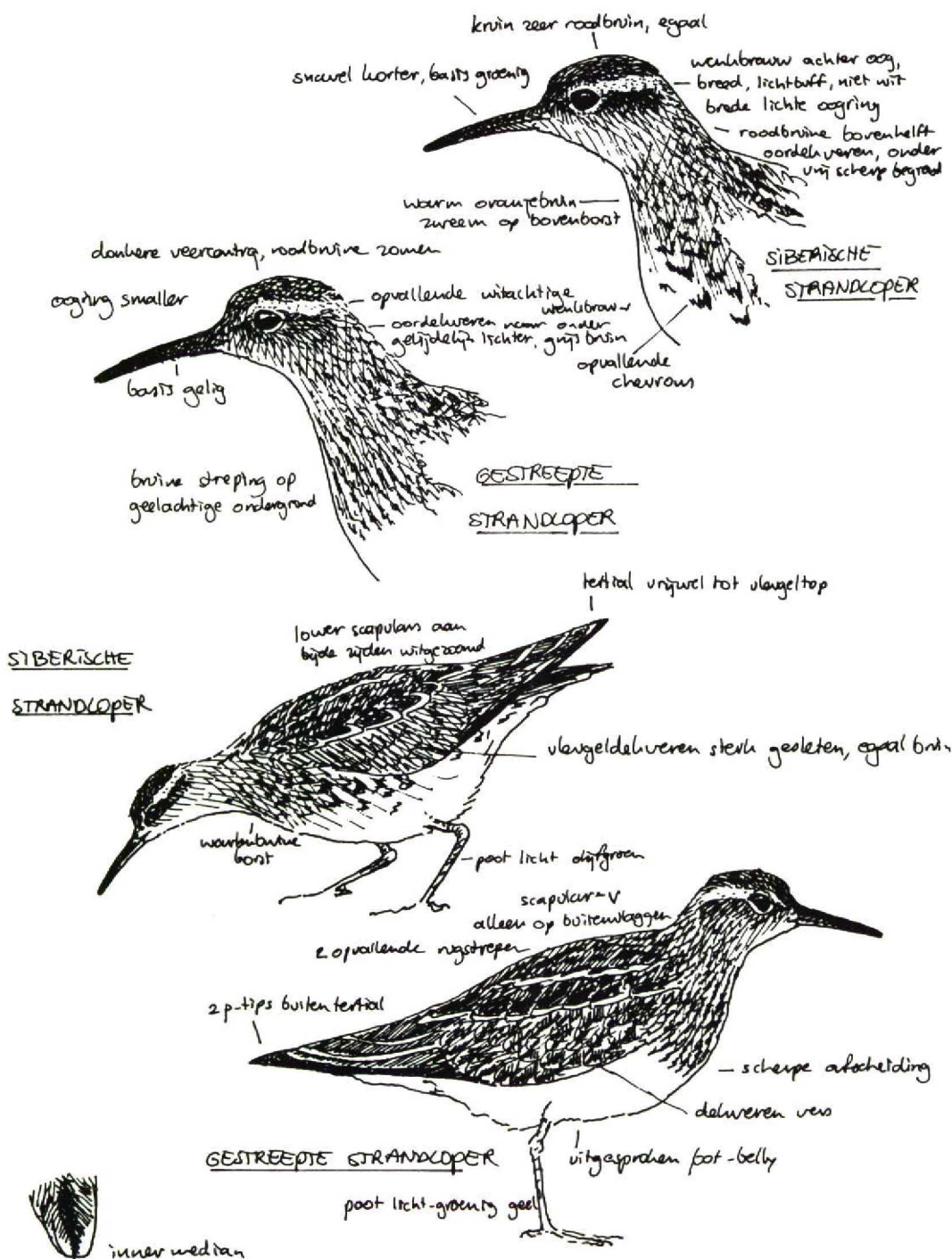


FIGURE 1 Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos* (lower) and Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *C. acuminata*, Philippine, Zeeland, September 1989 (Hans Schekkerman)

**Icelandic Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa islandica* 2,1

UTRECHT Wijk bij Duurstede, 1-4 April, adult, photographed (P van Scheepen et al, van Scheepen 1989).

1988 UTRECHT Wijk bij Duurstede, 24 April, adult (P van Scheepen, F Schoenmakers).

1986 UTRECHT Wijk bij Duurstede, 6 April, adult (P van Scheepen).

It is likely that this subspecies is a regular winter visitor to Zeeland (cf Marteijn & Swennen 1984) although the CDNA has as yet insufficient information to establish whether this is true or not.

**Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis* 40,9

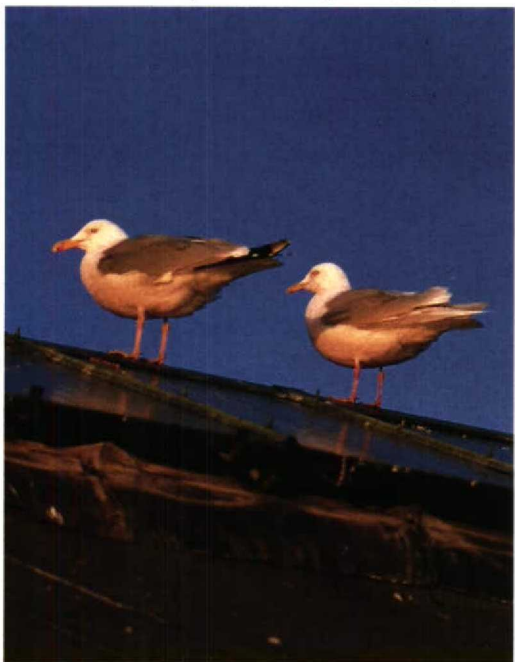
GRONINGEN Eemshaven, 8-10 April, adult, summer plumage, photographed (A de Bruin, L J R Boon, E G C van Ommen et al).

ZEELAND Philipsdam, 10 May, adult, summer plumage, photographed (van der Burg et al 1989b); St Philipsland, 24 July, first-summer plumage (H Schekkerman); Philipsdam, 28 July to 16 August, adult, winter plumage (K Kraayeveld, R Kraayeveld, M Berlijn et al).

NOORDHOLLAND Texel, 17-18 May, adult, summer plumage (F J Maas, A Dijkse, S Dijkse et al).

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersdijk, 4-5 July, adult, summer plumage, photographed (L J R Boon, D Groenendijk et al); Oostvaardersdijk, 27 August, winter plumage (M Berlijn et al).

**53 Iceland Gull** *Larus glaucoideus* (right), IJmuiden, Noordholland, March 1988 (Erik Maassen)



DRENTHE Nieuw-Buinen, 26 July, adult, summer plumage (S Luinburg).

ZUIDHOLLAND Maasvlakte, 28 August to 10 September (W Claes).

1987 GELDERLAND Ubbergen, 16 April, summer plumage (M Hornman).

Nine sightings in one year equals the record set in 1987. Numbers seen annually during 1980-88 were as follows: 1980 three, 1981 eight, 1982 five, 1983 two, 1984 three, 1985 two, 1986 four, 1987 nine and 1988 four.

**\*Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes* 1,0

1979 ZEELAND Oosterland, 18-19 November, first winter, photographed (Harmsen 1989, Dutch Birding 1990).

Nine years after this bird was photographed as a presumed Wood Sandpiper *T. glareola*, the photographer had doubts about the identification and re-examined the pictures to discover that it was actually the first record of Lesser Yellowlegs. The species' rarity here is in sharp contrast with the 203 records in Britain and Ireland (cf Rogers et al 1990).

**Terek Sandpiper** *Xenus cinereus* 6,1

ZEELAND Philipsdam, 31 May (H Schekkerman, P L Meiningen).

There are now eight records distributed among the months of May (four), June (two), July (one) and September (one).

**Long-tailed Skua** *Stercorarius longicaudus* 53,0

1987 FRIESLAND Ameland, 15 September, adult, summer plumage (M Versluys).

1985 FRIESLAND Stavoren, 15 September, juvenile, photographed (K Zwaan).

This was the first year during 1980-89 that no record has been accepted, in contrast with the 14 records from 1988. However, a small number of 1989 records is still under consideration. A usual annual figure lies between five and nine individuals, with the exception of 1982 and 1983 when only two were sighted and 1986 with just one.

**Russian Common Gull** *Larus canus heinei* 2,0

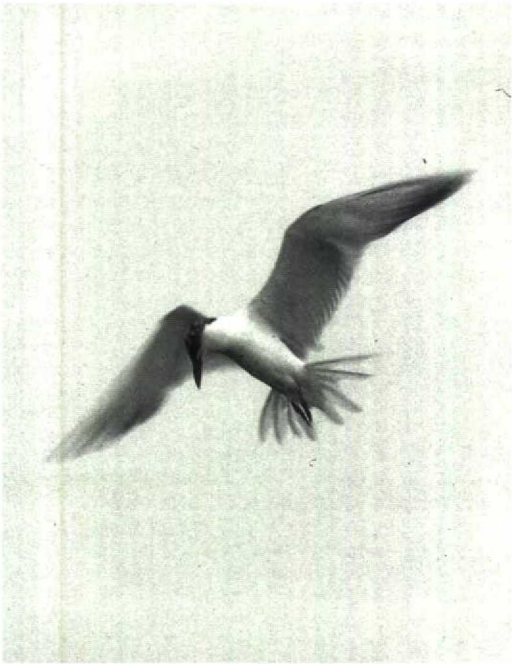
1987 ZUIDHOLLAND Stellendam, 26 February, first-winter male, found dead (Kompanje & Post 1990).

After a ringed bird found dead in June 1984 in Friesland, this was the second proven record of this subspecies. For further discussion about its occurrence, see, for example, Eigenhuis (1990).

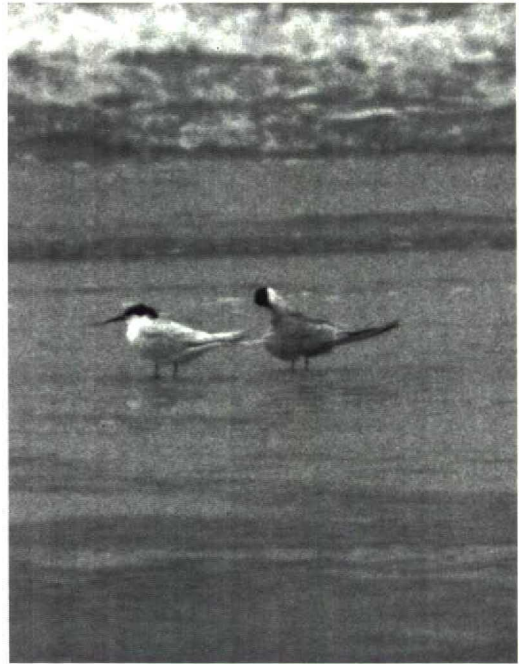
**Iceland Gull** *Larus glaucoideus* 25,2

NOORDHOLLAND IJmuiden, 20 February, first winter (J J Bakhuizen); IJmuiden, 16-18 December, first winter, photographed (L van der Veen, A Veen, A P Ros, van der Burg et al 1990).





54 Gull-billed Tern *Gelocheledon nilotica*, Camperduin, Noordholland, August 1989 (Arnoud B van den Berg)



55 Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii* (left), IJmuiden, Noordholland, June 1989 (Lammert van der Veen)

1988 NOORDHOLLAND IJmuiden, 12 March, adult, photographed (E Maassen).

Since 1979, none to four have been sighted annually, so the 1989 figure of one lies within the expected range. The only exceptional year was 1983 when a remarkable 10 birds were recorded. One-third of all records comes from IJmuiden. The 1988 bird noted above was the first adult.

#### Gull-billed Tern *Gelocheledon nilotica*

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersdijk, 5-11 July, adult, summer plumage (D Groenendijk, R Wester et al).

FRIESLAND Schiermonnikoog, 2 August, adult, summer plumage (K H Scholten).

NOORDHOLLAND Balgzand, 9 August, 14 adults and one juvenile (R E Brouwer); Camperduin, 12-23 August, adult and juvenile, photographed (M Berlijn, A B van den Berg, van der Burg et al 1989a,b, de By & de Knijff 1989, Meijer 1989); Balgzand, 14 August, 12 adults and three juveniles (R E Brouwer, D J Moerbeek).

1988 NOORDHOLLAND Kennemerduinen, 18 August, adult, summer plumage (H Groot).

1987 NOORDHOLLAND Balgzand, 22 July, five adults and one juvenile (M Berlijn et al); Balgzand, 6 August, 14 adults and two juveniles (M Berlijn et al); IJmuiden 28 August, adult, summer plumage (H Groot).

Meijer (1989) presented recent information on the

numbers staying at Balgzand every late summer; since 1982, 11-25 individuals have been counted annually. During 1982-89, a total of 43 individuals have been seen at various places other than Balgzand. For the third year in succession, a few individuals could be seen spending the late-summer months near Camperduin.

#### Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii* 3,2

NOORDHOLLAND IJmuiden, 5-6 June, adult, summer plumage, photographed (K J Eigenhuis, P Munsterman et al, van der Burg et al 1989a,b, Eigenhuis 1989).

ZEELAND Terneuzen, 12 July, adult, summer plumage (H Schekkerman, P L Meininger).

This is the first year with more than one record. The CDNA is still considering the record of a female staying on the Hooge Platen, Zeeland, during the breeding seasons of 1982-85 and hybridizing with a Common Tern *S hirundo* in 1982 and 1984 (Beijersbergen 1988, Walhout 1988, Anonymus 1991). Apart from that bird and its hybrid juvenile, all (seven) records are of solitary individuals in May-August.

#### \*Bridled Tern *Sterna anaethetus* 0,2

ZEELAND Terneuzen, 4-12 July, two adults, photographed (H Schekkerman, P L Meininger et al, van der Burg et al 1989a,b, Anonymus 1989b,c, Schekkerman & Mei-



**56** Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica*, Texel, Noordholland, October 1989 (Hans Gebuis)

ninger 1989, 1990); Philipsdam, 29 July to 1 August, adult, photographed (van der Burg et al 1989b, Schekkerman & Meininger 1990).

NOORDHOLLAND Camperduin, 24 July, adult (N F van der Ham); IJmuiden, 24 July, adult, photographed (P Munsterman, A B van den Berg, van der Burg 1989a, Schekkerman & Meininger 1990).

The two Terneuzen birds showed some display towards each other and towards a Common Tern (Schekkerman & Meininger 1990). Between 9 and 21 July, one was regularly seen across the Belgian border at Knokke, Westvlaanderen. The 24 July bird flew southward along the coast at Camperduin and was found resting on the beach at IJmuiden c 90 min later, staying until dark. The Philipsdam bird was present for 4 days. Because there was no overlap in dates and no indication of an influx elsewhere in north-western Europe, it was assumed that only two individuals were involved (though there may have been three or four).

**Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybridus* 29,5

ZEELAND Philipsdam, 21-25 May, adult, summer plumage (H Gebuis, M Berlijn, E C G Sangster).

NOORDBRABANT Strabrechtse Heide, 21-22 May, maximum of three adults, summer plumage (R Kraayeveld, K Kraayeveld et al).

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersdijk, 18-21 August, juvenile (P P Böhre).

There are 20 records from 1980-83, none from 1984-85, one from 1986 and 13 from 1987-89. The sightings were in May (23), June (seven), July (two), August (one) and October (one). Last breeding occurred in 1965 (at least seven pairs).

**\*Arctic Guillemot** *Uria aalge hyperborea* 1,0

1988 ZUIDHOLLAND Brouwersdam, 26 November, adult female, winter plumage, found dead (Camphuysen 1989).

This (bridled) bird was weakened but still alive when caught. It was identified as *U a hyperborea* by the blackish-brown upperparts, heavily streaked flanks, heavily spotted black underwing and large size (wing length 221 mm). It constitutes the first record of this subspecies. De Wijs (1981) showed that previous records are unacceptable. Both *U a aalge* and *U a albonis* are common.

**Black Guillemot** *Cephus grylle* 13,1

ZEELAND Brouwersdam, 11-13 November, immature (H Schekkerman, C M Berrevoets, P L Meininger).

There are 29 pre-1980 records. Accepted sightings during 1980-89 were in February (one), April (two), May (one), August (two), September (one), October (one), November (four) and December (two). During 1985-86, seven individuals were recorded but there were only two seen during 1987-89.

**Bee-eater** *Merops apiaster* 66,0

1987 FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersplassen, 27 July, 15 (R Sinoo, Sinoo 1988).

A record of a flock of 14 at Huizen, Noordholland, on 17 May 1989, is still under consideration. The 66 individuals during 1980-88 were seen in 1980 (one), 1982 (two), 1983 (four, excluding juveniles of a breeding pair), 1984 (13, including flock of 12), 1985 (one), 1986 (10, including flocks of three and five), 1987 (34, including flocks of four, 10 and 15) and 1988 (one).

**Roller** *Coracias garrulus* 8,0

1982 FLEVOLAND Nulderpad, 21-26 May, two, photographed (Blankert & Steinhaus 1982).

This record has already been included in the Scharinga & Winkelman (1984) report.

**Red-rumped Swallow** *Hirundo daurica* 5,6

FRIESLAND Bakkeveen, 12 September, adult (K H Scholten, P de Vries).

NOORDHOLLAND Texel, 27 October to 1 November, five, photographed (J J Blankert, E Kieft, A Wassink, van den Berg 1990, Blankert & Kieft 1989, van der Burg et al 1989a, 1990, Hirschfeld 1991).

There are (only) seven records from before 1989, all of solitary individuals. The flock of five had probably just arrived at the north-eastern corner of Texel when discovered by two birders who could hardly believe their eyes. The birds stayed for 6 days a few kilometres further south on the island, together with a few Swallows *H rustica* and



a House Martin *Delichon urbica*. They were usually foraging on the lee side of houses and roadside trees along the Schorrenweg (numbers 54 and 60).

**Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni* 3,0  
1988 ZUIDHOLLAND Dintelhaven, 30 September (H Gebuis).

This is the third record. The bird was seen for a short time by a single observer and could not be photographed (which is noteworthy given the observer's reputation!).

**Red-throated Pipit** *Anthus cervinus* 37,1  
GRONINGEN Lauwersmeer, 15-16 May, summer plumage (S Gardeslen, D J Moerbeek et al).  
1988 FLEVOLAND Praamweg, 1-4 May, summer plumage (P P Böhre, L van der Veen).

NOORDHOLLAND Kennemerduinen, 21 May, summer plumage (H Groot, F Cottaar, S Geelhoed).

Annually during migration, at coastal observation points, several birds flying over are identified merely or mainly by call. It is unfortunate that these records can not be accepted because of the almost inevitable lack of evidence. Especially in autumn, it seems to be too difficult to document such observations sufficiently, as indicated by the six sightings in September-October reported by van der Burg et al (1989b, 1990), none of which were received by the CDNA.

**57 Red-spotted Bluethroat** *Luscinia svecica svecica*,  
Maasvlakte, Zuidholland, May 1989 (Theodoor Muusse)

**\*Black-headed Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava feldegg* 1,0

1988 GRONINGEN Delfzijl, 10 May, adult male, photographed (L J R Boon, Boon 1990).

The call (one of the most diagnostic features of this subspecies) was not heard. Nevertheless, the record was accepted on photographic evidence.

**\*Northern Mockingbird** *Mimus polyglottos* 1,0

1988 FRIESLAND Schiermonnikoog, 16-23 October, possibly first winter, photographed (M van der Aa, E B Ebels, L J R Boon et al, Anonymus 1989e, van der Burg et al 1989b).

Although not unanimously, the CDNA decided that the possibility of genuine vagrancy in this species cannot be ruled out.

**Red-spotted Bluethroat** *Luscinia svecica svecica* 14,1

FRIESLAND Veenwouden, 14 May, adult male (W S van der Veen).

The CDNA still awaits the submission of more details of a bird photographed on the Maasvlakte on 10 May.

**Siberian Stonechat** *Saxicola torquata maura* 4,1

ZUIDHOLLAND Haagse Waterleidingduinen, 13 November (A Remeus).

1986 ZUIDHOLLAND Maasvlakte, 17 November, photographed (H Gebuis, Schekkerman 1988).

These were the first November sightings. There are now 14 records, 11 in October, two in November and one in March.

**Desert Wheatear** *Oenanthe deserti* 0,1

ZUIDHOLLAND Oud-Alblas, 24-26 April, female, photographed (Anonymus 1989c, van der Burg et al 1989a,b, Ouwerkerk 1989, Dutch Birding 1990, Ouwerkerk 1990).

This is (only) the second record, the previous being a sighting by a single observer in Eindhoven, Noordbrabant, in November 1970.

**Eye-browed Thrush** *Turdus obscurus* 1,1

LIMBURG Roermond, 5-7 May, adult male, photographed (M Vandalon, P Beckers, J Boeren, Boeren 1989).

This constitutes the second spring record of this species. Apart from a White-headed Duck, this was the only rarity recorded in 1989 for Limburg.

**Cetti's Warbler** *Cettia cetti* 35,1

ZUIDHOLLAND Dordse Biesbosch, 2-13 May, male, photographed (van der Burg et al 1989).

This species was first recorded in October 1968 at Budel, Noordbrabant, and subsequently rapidly established itself as a breeding bird. The last year with more than 10 individuals was 1977. After the severe winter of 1978/79, numbers remained low: 10 in 1980, eight in 1981, six in 1982, nine in 1983 (despite the severe winter of 1982/83) and only one in 1984. Following the severe





58 Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola torquata maura*, Maasvlakte, Zuidholland, November 1986 (Hans Gebuis)

59 Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti*, Oud-Alblas, Zuidholland, April 1989 (Hans Gebuis)



60 Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti*, Dordtse Biesbosch, Zuidholland, May 1989 (Hans Gebuis)





winters of 1984/85, 1985/86 and 1986/87, there was only one record in 1985 and none at all during 1986-88. The 1989 record, however, could prelude the species' return.

#### **Aquatic Warbler** *Acrocephalus paludicola* 80,7

OVERIJSSSEL Zwartsluis, 7 August, immature, trapped (G E H Smallegenbroek); IJsselmuiden, 9 August, immature, trapped (G E H Smallegenbroek); Zwartsluis, 10 August, immature, trapped (G E H Smallegenbroek).

ZUIDHOLLAND Maasvlakte, 12 August, two immatures (M Berlijn, H van Rijswijk, E Sangster).

GRONINGEN Eemshaven, 22 August, immature (S Luijnenburg); Eemshaven 23 September, trapped (J A J P Doevendans, H C J Viersma).

1988 ZUIDHOLLAND Melissant, 2-3 August, immature (G Brinkman).

Numbers recorded during 1980-88 were as follows: 1980 one, 1981 12, 1982 four, 1983 13, 1984 five, 1985 one, 1986 25, 1987 eight and 1988 11. Since 1979 there have been only four spring records: 5 May 1984, 26 April 1986, 20 April 1987 and 30 April 1988. De By (1990) gave more information on this species' occurrence.

#### **Melodious Warbler** *Hippolais polyglotta* 4,1

FLEVOLAND Lelystad, 6 July, adult, trapped and photographed (C J Breck, A Liosi).

There are now seven records: five in May-July and two in August-September. Interestingly, the species occurs more commonly in Britain and Ireland where it has a very different temporal distribution pattern, with c 94% of 871 records during 1958-85 from August to mid-October (Dymond et al 1989).

#### **Barred Warbler** *Sylvia nisoria* 64,5

NOORDHOLLAND Castricum, 22 August, immature, trapped (ringing station Castricum); Castricum, 2 September, immature, trapped (ringing station Castricum); Castricum, 5 September, immature, trapped (ringing station Castricum); Castricum, 7 September, immature, trapped (ringing station Castricum); Castricum, 8 October, immature, trapped (ringing station Castricum).

Remarkably, all 1989 records were at Castricum's ringing station. Numbers recorded during 1980-88 were as follows: 1980 seven, 1981 four, 1982 11, 1983 eight, 1984 seven, 1985 eight, 1986 eight, 1987 six and 1988 five. Extreme autumn dates were 5 August and 17 November and there have been only two spring records (22 May 1987 and 22 May 1988). The best years ever were 1969 (15) and 1976 (12).

#### **Arctic Warbler** *Phylloscopus borealis* 2,1

FRIESLAND Vlieland, 19 September, immature, trapped, photographed (K Terpstra).

This is the fifth record. Previous records are on 2 November 1935 (found dead) at Haamstede, Zeeland, and on 13 September 1976, 10 October 1980 and 11 October 1982 (all trapped) on Schiermonnikoog, Friesland.

#### **Pallas's Warbler** *Phylloscopus proregulus* 23,9

FRIESLAND Kornwerderzand, 8 October (J Scharringa, A Veen, F Ossendorp); Terschelling, 10 October, male, trapped and photographed (J Jukema).

NOORDHOLLAND Texel, 15-16 October, two (G J ter Haar, A de Bruin, M Berlijn et al); Castricum, 24 October, two, trapped (ringing station Castricum); Texel, 27 October (A Wassink, J J Blankert, E Kieft); Castricum, 4 November, trapped and photographed (ringing station Castricum).

GRONINGEN Eemshaven, 13 November (E G C van Ommen, H J Wight, R de Lange).

1988 NOORDHOLLAND Den Oever, 1 October (G Hazenboek, R E Brouwer et al).

This was the best year ever. Moreover, the CDNA still awaits the submission of a few additional sightings during the DBA week on Texel. There are now 41 records (nine before 1980) of which 31 are from October, eight from November, one from January-March and one from April. By far the highest numbers were seen in Noordholland (20) and Friesland (11).

#### **Bonelli's Warbler** *Phylloscopus bonelli* 8,1

ZUIDHOLLAND Maasvlakte, 19 August, photographed (T J C Luijendijk, A W J Meijer, M van Weeghel, van der Burg et al 1989b).

This is the first August record and (only) the third autumn record. There are now 17 records, of which 12 are from May.

#### **Iberian Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita brehmii* 4,1

FRIESLAND Ameland, 1-6 May, male, sound-recorded (M Bastin, M J T van der Weide, R Pahlplatz).

There are now six records (all of singing individuals, of course).

#### **\*Wallcreeper** *Tichodroma muraria* 0,1

NOORDHOLLAND Amsterdam, 13 November to 11 April 1990, female, photographed (J van de Staaij, A B van den Berg, E van Boheemen et al, Anonymus 1989a, Brew 1989, van de Staaij 1989, van der Burg et al 1989a, 1990).

This was the outstanding species of the year, fulfilling even the most optimistic predictions about the length of its stay and indeed its return on 27 November 1990.

#### **Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris* 28,0

1988 FRIESLAND Schiermonnikoog, 12 October, trapped and photographed (J van der Straaten).

This was the first year since 1981 with no accepted records. Numbers recorded during 1980-89 were as follows: 1980 three, 1982 three, 1983 two, 1984 one, 1985 six, 1986 seven, 1987 four and 1988 two. The maximum number was in 1972 (53). All records refer to *C f familiaris*. *C f macrodactyla* has never been recorded despite a number of claims of singing individuals (but no sound recorded on tape) in publications by SOVON (eg, SOVON 1987).



61 Wallcreeper *Tichodroma muraria*, Amsterdam, Noordholland, April 1990 (Lammert van der Veen)

**Lesser Grey Shrike** *Lanius minor* 6,2

FLEVOLAND Vogelweg-Wulpweg, 29 May, adult (A Nuijen, H Nuijen); Oostvaardersdijk, 5 July, adult (P P Böhre, M Bouma et al).

These two Flevoland records bring the total to 30. Individuals during 1980-88 were recorded in May 1980, September 1982, July 1984, May 1986, May 1987 and June 1987.

**Woodchat Shrike** *Lanius senator* 17,3

ZUIDHOLLAND Noordeloos, 10 May (R M van Dongen, L J R Boon et al).

GELDERLAND Hoenderloo, 14 June, adult (F A Arts, A H Ova, E A W Ernens et al).

FRIESLAND Vlieland, 17-18 June (P Zegers).

Numbers recorded during 1980-88 were as follows: 1980 two, 1981 three, 1983 four, 1984 three, 1986 three, 1987 one and 1988 one. All but two were spring records.

**Rose-coloured Starling** *Sturnus roseus* 11,1

NOORDBRABANT Helmond, 23 November, juvenile (M P van Aerle).

After review, there are now 25 records since 1900. This is the second November record. All other records are from May to October.

**Arctic Redpoll** *Carduelis hornemanni* 16,1

FLEVOLAND Pampushaven, 7-8 January (T J C Luijendijk et al).

1988 NOORDHOLLAND Castricum, 19 November, immature, trapped (ringing station Castricum); Kennemerduinen, 26 November, immature, trapped and photographed (ringing station Van Lennep); Castricum, 26 November, immature, trapped (ringing station Castricum). ZEELAND Westenschouwen, 25 November, two, immatures, trapped and photographed (ringing station Nebularia, Anonymus 1988, van der Burg et al 1988, 1989b, Eerdmans 1989).

GELDERLAND Tongeren, 28 November, adult male, trapped and photographed (K Terpstra); Tongeren, 11 December, adult male, trapped and photographed (K Terpstra).

The influx in the winter of 1988/89 involved eight individuals of which seven were trapped and doubled the post-1975 number of accepted records. This is a notoriously difficult species to identify in the field problems which could have obscured the true extent of the influx. One of the Westenschouwen birds was erroneously identified as an adult (cf Anonymus 1988).

**Parrot Crossbill** *Loxia pytyopsittacus* 241,0

1982 ZUIDHOLLAND Wassenaar, 24 October, photographed (A Remeus, G Dumay).

This was by far the southernmost bird recorded during the large influx of c 230 birds from September 1982 to April 1983 (cf Schekkerman 1986). Since 1983, the species has been recorded in 1984 (one), 1985 (five), 1986 (two), 1987 (one) and 1988 (one); 1989 is the first year since 1982 without any records. There were only 11 birds during 1900-81, of which the occurrence, in some cases, seem to suggest unrecorded previous influxes (three in 1901, three in 1963 and two in 1966).

**Scarlet Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrurus* 61,7

FLEVOLAND Galjootweg, 19-29 May, two adult males (K Kraayeveld, M Berlijn, K J Eigenhuis et al); Oostvaardersdijk, 12 June, second calendar year, trapped and photographed (C M Liebrechts, H Liebrechts); Oostvaardersdijk, 15 June, second calendar year male, trapped and photographed (C M Liebrechts, H Liebrechts, A Liosi); Oostvaardersdijk, 25 June, second calendar year male, trapped and photographed (C M Liebrechts); Oostvaardersdijk, 6 August, juvenile, trapped and photographed (C M Liebrechts, H Liebrechts).

NOORDHOLLAND Den Helder, July, adult male (M Zijp).

The CDNA still awaits information on most of the 15 breeding pairs in 1989, of which seven are said to have been in Flevoland and four on Texel (Anonymus 1989d).

**White-throated Sparrow** *Zonotrichia albicollis* 0,1

FRIESLAND Griend, 10 June, photographed (M Klaassen, J Faber, B Habekoté, Faber 1990).

This was the fourth record and, unlike the previous individuals in September 1967, October 1967 and April 1977, it was seen on a tiny island far away from any harbour area.



**Pine Bunting** *Emberiza leucocephalos* 5,0

1988 ZUIDHOLLAND Den Haag, 29 October, immature male, trapped and photographed (ringing station Dirk Hoos).

The first record dates back from May 1873. There have been 19 records since, 14 in October and five in November. This species is one of the very few vagrant passerines with a larger number of records in the Netherlands than in Britain and Ireland where there have been 18 sightings (Rogers et al 1990).

**Little Bunting** *Emberiza pusilla* 23,1

FRIESLAND Terschelling, 22 October (G van Leeuwen, E van Huijssteeden, S Geelhoed).

There are now 51 records, of which 47 are since 1900.

**Yellow-breasted Bunting** *Emberiza aureola* 2,1

FRIESLAND Terschelling, 27-29 September, juvenile, photographed (N Marra Sr, E B Ebels et al, van der Burg et al 1989b).

There are now six records, in July (one), September (four) and October (one).

**Systematic list of records not accepted**

This list contains all records not accepted by the CDNA. They were rejected when the identification

was not fully established (often due to a lack of documentation) or when the bird was considered to have escaped from captivity. It is annotated when a majority vote decided that a bird was an escape; birds considered to be certain escapes are omitted from this list.

White-billed Diver *Gavia adamsii*, Stellendam (Zuidholland) 30 March. Yelkouan Shearwater *Puffinus yelkouan mauretanicus*, Texel (Noordholland) 23 August, Stormvogeltje *Hydrobates pelagicus*, Ameland (Friesland) 15 October. African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*, Biervliet (Zeeland) 14 April. Flamingo, Beilen (Drenthe) 10-13 June. Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola*, Lage Mierde (Noordbrabant) 25 January (considered escaped; for this species observers are asked to ascertain that the bird is unringed). Barrow's Goldeneye *B. islandica*, Laaxum (Friesland) 23 August. White-headed Duck *Oxyura leucocephala*, Vlieland (Friesland) 3 July. Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*, Hilversum (Noordholland) 11 August. Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus*, Oostburg (Zeeland) 4 May. Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*, Texel (Noordholland) 24 August. Pectoral Sandpiper *C. melanotos*, Den Helder (Noordholland) 20 July. Great Snipe *Gallinago media*, Maasvlakte (Zuidholland) 1 April, Fochteloërveen (Drenthe) 2 May, Schoorl (Noordholland) 24 December. Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus*, Workumerwaard (Friesland) 27 July.

62 Arctic Redpoll *Carduelis hornemanni*, Westenschouwen, Zeeland, November 1988 (Arnoud B van den Berg, VRS Nebularia)



Iceland Gull *Larus glaucoideus*, IJmuiden (Noordholland) 1 November. Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri*, Middelplaten (Zeeland) 17 June. Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*, Diemen (Noordholland) 19 April. Brännich's Guillemot *Uria lomvia*, Heemskerck (Noordholland) 1 December. Middle Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos medius*, Bennekom (Gelderland) 3-5 January, Veenendaal (Utrecht) 5 March. Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*, Wassenaar (Zuidholland) 17 October. Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis*, Texel (Noordholland) 9 October. Aquatic Warbler *Acrocephalus paludicola*, Oostvaardersplassen (Flevoland) 11 July, Workum (Friesland) 31 August. Olivaceous Warbler *Hippolais pallida*, Swifterbant (Flevoland) 30 July (was leucistic or flavistic Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*). Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*, Vlieland (Friesland) 16 October, Vlieland (Friesland) 24 October. Bonelli's Warbler *P bonelli*, Epen (Limburg) 28 May-5 June. Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor*, Meijndel (Zuidholland) 3 June. Rose-coloured Starling *Sturnus roseus*, Texel (Noordholland) 16 October. Trumpeter Finch *Bucanetes githagineus*, Vilsteren (Overijssel) 9 March. Pallas's Rosefinch *Carpodacus roseus*, Groningen (Groningen) 17 May. Tennessee Warbler *Vermivora peregrina*, Ouddorp (Zuidholland) 12 August. Cirl Bunting *Emberiza cirlus*, Vooorne (Zuidholland) 12 October. Yellow-throated Bunting *E elegans*, Overveen (Noordholland) 8-23 August (considered escaped). Rustic Bunting *E rustica*, Eemshaven (Groningen) 25 May. Little Bunting *E pusilla*, Kamperveen (Overijssel) 18 March.

1988 Hooded Merganser *Mergus cucullatus*, Almere (Flevoland) 13 April-2 May (considered escaped; for this species observers are asked to ascertain that the bird has no ring). Great Snipe *Gallinago media*, Rinsumageest (Friesland) 17 September. Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*, Hilvarenbeek (Noordbrabant) May, Ameland (Friesland) 3 September. Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti*, Carnisse (Zuidholland) 20 July. Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum*, Oostvoorne (Zuidholland) 4 June. Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans*, Oostvoorne (Zuidholland) 9 May. Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*, Vlieland (Friesland) 24 October. Arctic Warbler *P borealis*, Schiermonnikoog (Friesland) 18 August. Pallas's Warbler *P proregulus*, Tegelen (Limburg) 19 October. Bonelli's Warbler *P bonelli*, Reeuwijk (Zuidholland) 8 June, Texel (Noordholland) 1-2 October. Tree Creeper *Certhia familiaris*, Schiermonnikoog (Friesland) 15 October (even when a bird is trapped it appears to be very difficult to determine identification). Arctic Redpoll *Carduelis hornemanni*, Kamperveen (Overijssel) 24 November, Reeuwijk (Zuidholland) 5 December, Oostvaardersdijk (Flevoland) 16 December (it appears to be very difficult to document unequivocal field records of this species). Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla*, Den Haag (Zuidholland) 28 October, Den Haag (Zuidholland) 12 November.

1987 Lesser Canada Goose *Branta canadensis* ssp, Hommerts (Friesland) 15 November (the large subspecies introduced into several European countries regularly winters in the Netherlands and is not considered by the CDNA). Russian Common Gull *Larus canus heinei*,

Maasvlakte (Zuidholland) 16 January (measurements were considered to fall within the range of *L c canus*). Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*, Scherenwelle (Overijssel) 13 October. Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla*, Terheijden (Noordbrabant) 1 November.

1984 Iceland Gull *Larus glaucoideus*, Scheveningen (Zuidholland) 24 April.

1983 Lesser Canada Goose *Branta canadensis* ssp, Sondel (Friesland) 6 February.

1982 Lesser Canada Goose *Branta canadensis* ssp, Koudum (Friesland) 27 February.

1976 Common Nighthawk *Chordeiles minor*, Haren (Groningen) 21 October (a bird loudly calling while flying by day in a suburban environment was identified more than a decade later when the observer saw and heard the species in northern America; the original evidence, however, was considered insufficient).

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