

Rare birds in the Netherlands in 1992

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This is the 13th 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 records from 1992 as well as belated and reconsidered records, dating from 1991 back to 1938, which have been evaluated by the Dutch rarities committee, the Commissie Dwaalgasten Nederlandse Avifauna (CDNA). Several records for 1992 and earlier years are, for various reasons, still under consideration. A complete review of all rarity records from 1800-1980 will be published in due course.

Details included for each accepted record are, if available: province and locality; date(s); number of birds if more than one, plumage and sex; type of record 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 (international, not regional journals. Numbers after each (sub)species' name refer to the total number of individuals 1 since 1 January 1980 but excluding 2 the current year. (Sub)species marked with * are new to the Dutch list.

The following CDNA members voted on some or all of the records in this report: Arnoud B van den Berg, Pieter W Bison, Rolf A de By, Edward J van IJzendoorn, Karel A Mauer, Cock Reijnders, C S (Kees) Roselaar, Jelle Scharringa, Hans Schekkerman, Gerard H Steinhaus and Wim M Wiegant.

Records should be sent to CDNA, Postbus 45, 2080 AA Santpoort-Zuid, Netherlands (preferably by using standard 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; 13: 41, 1991; 14: 73, 85, 198, 1992; 15: 31, 145, 1993.

The year 1992 produced two new taxa for the Netherlands, a Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus* and a soft-plumaged petrel *Pterodroma feae/madeira/mollis*. The most notable other rarities include the second to fourth Falcated Ducks

Anas falcata, the second Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*, the third Ross's Gull *Rhodostethia rosea*, the second and third Pied Wheatears *Oenanthe pleschanka* and the third Cirl Bunting *Emberiza cirlus*. Of particular interest were a long-staying Stone-curlew *Burhinus oedicnemus*, an influx of up to five Sociable Plovers *Chettusia gregaria*, spring records of Snowy Owls *Nyctea scandiaca* and the sixth Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*.

Systematic list of accepted records

* soft-plumaged petrel *Pterodroma feae/madeira/mollis* 0,1

NOORDHOLLAND Camperduin, 24 October (N F van der Ham, L Stegeman, K J Eigenhuis et al; Groenendijk 1992).

This is the first record of a soft-plumaged petrel. The bird was independently seen by two groups of keen seawatchers. The CDNA did, however, not accept their identification as Cape Verde Petrel *Pterodroma feae*. A paper on this record will be published in Dutch Birding.

Mediterranean Shearwater *Puffinus yelkouan mauretanicus* 25,3

NOORDHOLLAND Camperduin, 14 July (A Schafenaar), 18 July (N F van der Ham), 22 July (N F van der Ham, M O Bleijerveld), 25 July, photographed (D J Moerbeek, A Vink et al; van Dongen et al 1992), 26 July (N F van der Ham, M O Bleijerveld), 27 July (W E M van der Schot, J Swaab, A Vink), 28 July, two (N F van der Ham), 29 July (N F van der Ham, J W de Roever, T O V Muusse); Camperduin, 14 October (N F van der Ham, R E Brouwer).

1990 NOORDHOLLAND Camperduin, 17 August, two (B Winters, N F van der Ham); Camperduin, 18 September (L Stegeman, M Platteeuw, N F van der Ham).

Camperduin is the place, July-August the period, and Nick van der Ham the observer to seek the company of to see this species. The July records at Camperduin are considered to refer to at least two individuals. The August 1990 Camperduin record was previously reported to concern one bird (van den Berg et al 1993).

European Storm-petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus* 39,0

1990 ZUIDHOLLAND Katwijk aan Zee, 3 March, found

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dead (skin lost), photographed (C Schoonenberg).

Since 1983, there are three records in November, three in December and one in March; the remaining records are from September-October.

Atlantic Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo carbo*

4,1

1991 ZEELAND Noord-Beveland, 1 September, ring number read (F Arts).

This is only the ninth record of this subspecies. The bird was colour-ringed at Colchester, Essex, England.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* 11,2

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersplassen, 15 June, adult, summer plumage (M Platteeuw, K Koffijberg et al).

ZEELAND Tholen, 21-30 June, adult, summer plumage, photographed (M van Dijk, M Berlijn).

Nine of the 13 post-1980 records are from June.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* 31,7

LIMBURG Broekhuizenvorst, 14 May, two (J J F M Jansen).

FLEVOLAND Praamweg, 28 May, two, summer plumage (M Berlijn); Lelystad, 18-19 July, adult (R E van der Vliet, R de Lange, M Deenik).

ZEELAND Serooskerke, Walcheren, 16 August (J Tramper, R Spenselee, G A Davids).

ZUIDHOLLAND Alblasserwaard, 7-8 November (E van Boheemen, A Ouwerkerk, K Ouwerkerk).

This was the best year ever. The previous best year was 1989 (five records). In 1980-91, two to five birds were seen each year, with the exception of 1983 (none) and 1984 (one).

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* 10,2

GRONINGEN Lauwersmeer, 3 May, adult, summer plumage (L J R Boon, H van der Jeugd, M Olthoff).

NOORDHOLLAND Texel, 9-13 May, adult, summer plumage (A Wassink, H J Lichtenbeld, N Marra sr).

Two spring records in one year is remarkable. The only other spring record since 1980 concerned a long-staying individual in the Oostvaardersplassen, Flevoland, from 13 May to 13 August 1983.

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber* 47,18

GELDERLAND Rheden, 12 April, six adults (A Schaftehaar, JJ Bakhuizen, R de Beer et al).

GRONINGEN Eemshaven, 5 May, immature (L J R Boon, A van Dijk, E B Ebels et al); Eemshaven 1-11 August, adult (K Scholten, S Luinenburg).

ZEELAND Philipsdam, 22 July, two adults and one juvenile, photographed (A B van den Berg, W Hoogendoorn); Philipsdam, 22 August, seven adults (H van Wijk, E van Boheemen).

1991 ZEELAND Philipsdam, 16 September to 11 January 1992, eight adults and one juvenile, photographed (T O V Muusse, M Muusse et al).

1985 ZUIDHOLLAND Oostvoornse Meer, date extension: two of the three birds stayed until at least 16 March (A Ros; cf Blankert et al 1987).

It is likely that the Rheden birds were en route from

Zeeland to Zwillbrockervenn, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany, where some of them breed (Joop Treep in litt, van den Berg 1993). The CDNA would appreciate receiving information on the two colour-ringed birds that stayed at the Keersluisplas, Flevoland, for some weeks in 1989. Interestingly, the begging juvenile on 22 July must have originated from somewhere else than Zwillbrockervenn where the juveniles did not leave before August (Joop Treep in litt). This was the last year for which this species was considered by the CDNA (van den Berg et al 1993).

Whistling Swan *Cygnus columbianus columbianus* 2,1

GRONINGEN Eenrum, 9 December (H A Diephuis, J W de Jong).

Normally, this subspecies winters in Japan and the western USA. Apparently, individuals occasionally travel with Bewick's Swans *C c bewickii* to their wintering sites in western Europe. For instance, it has been recorded in Britain and Ireland eight times during 1958-92 (Rogers et al 1993).

Ross's Goose *Anser rossii* 3,0

FRIESLAND Workumerwaard, 15 February to 16 March, adult, white morph (E B Ebels, E Douwma, P Rousset et al).

ZUIDHOLLAND Stellendam, 30 December, adult, white morph (M P Teeuw, E van Boheemen, A Ouwerkerk).

These records are considered to refer to the same returning individual that was first seen in 1988.

Black Brant *Branta bernicla nigricans* 48,0

NOORDHOLLAND De Cocksdorp and Oost, Texel, 28 March to 7 May, photographed (R E Brouwer, K J Eigenhuis, E B Ebels et al); De Cocksdorp, Texel, 19 October to 26 February 1993 (A Wassink, M Berlijn, J Scharringa et al).

1990 GRONINGEN Noordpolderzijl, 10 November, adult (A van Dijk).

The Texel records are considered to refer to the same individual that was present there in 1991 (cf van den Berg et al 1993).

American Wigeon *Anas americana* 12,1

ZUIDHOLLAND Ackerdijkse Plassen, 11 February, adult male (M van der Klift, T O V Muusse).

GELDERLAND Ingen, 9 February to 18 March, male (A Vink, M Berlijn, E B Ebels et al).

1991 NOORDBRABANT Megen, 5 January, first-winter male (G W M van Aalst, M Berlijn, J van 't Hof et al).

The Ingen bird is considered to be the same individual that was present there in March 1991 (cf van den Berg et al 1993).

Falcated Duck *Anas falcata* 1,3

NOORDHOLLAND Amsterdamse Waterleidingduinen, 22-28 January, adult male, photographed (F G S M Hieselaar, M Berlijn et al; Anonymus 1992, van den Berg 1992a).

OVERIJSSEL Rutbeek, 2 February, adult male (B Hulsebos).

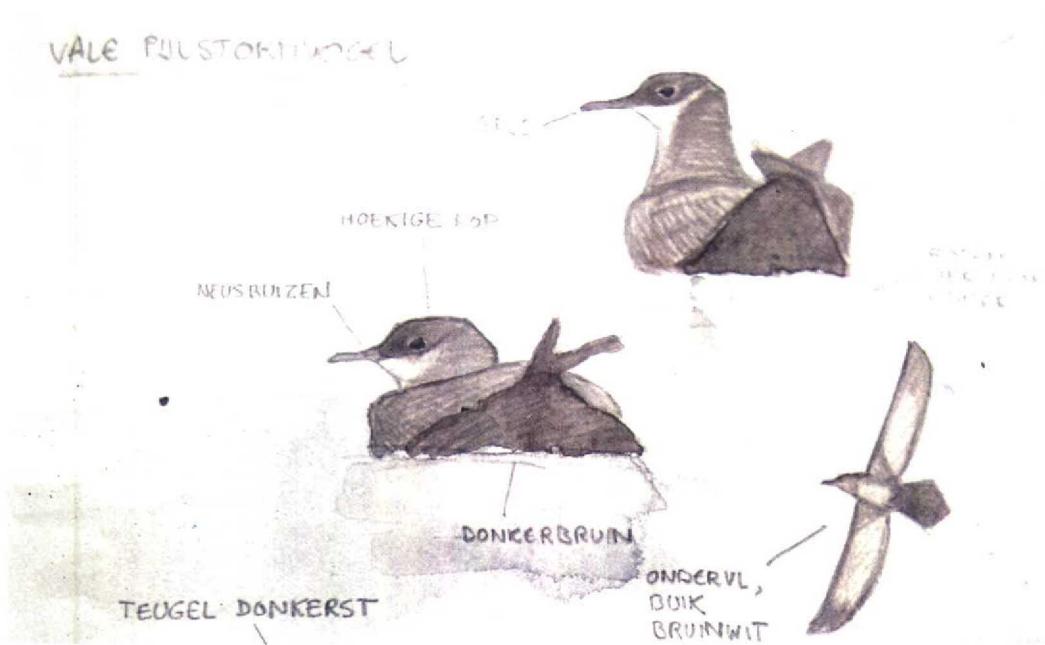
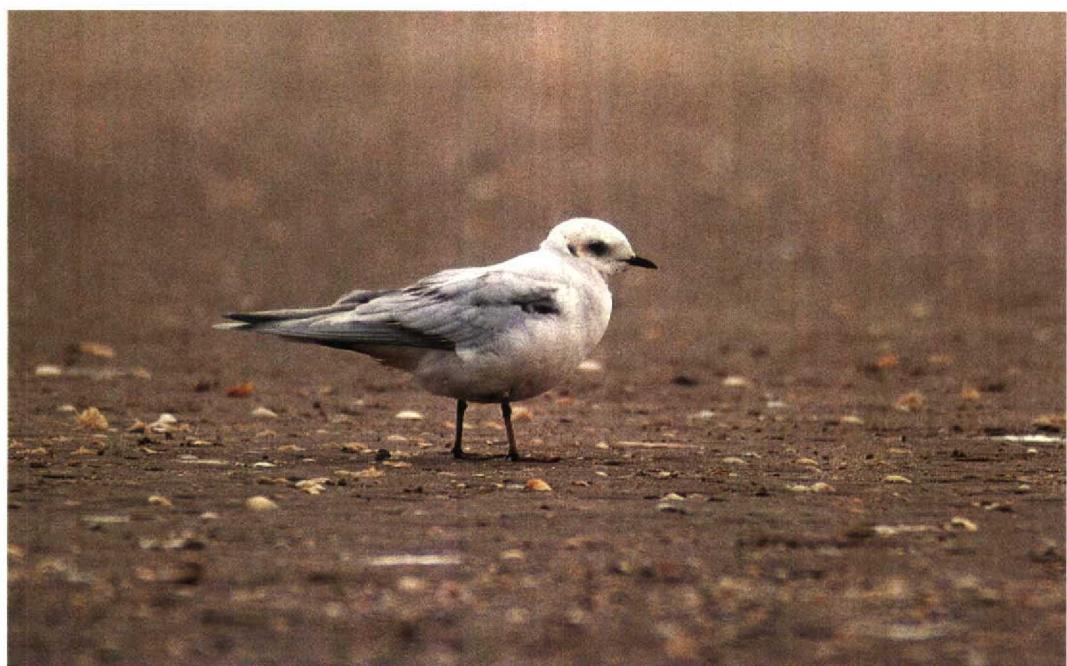
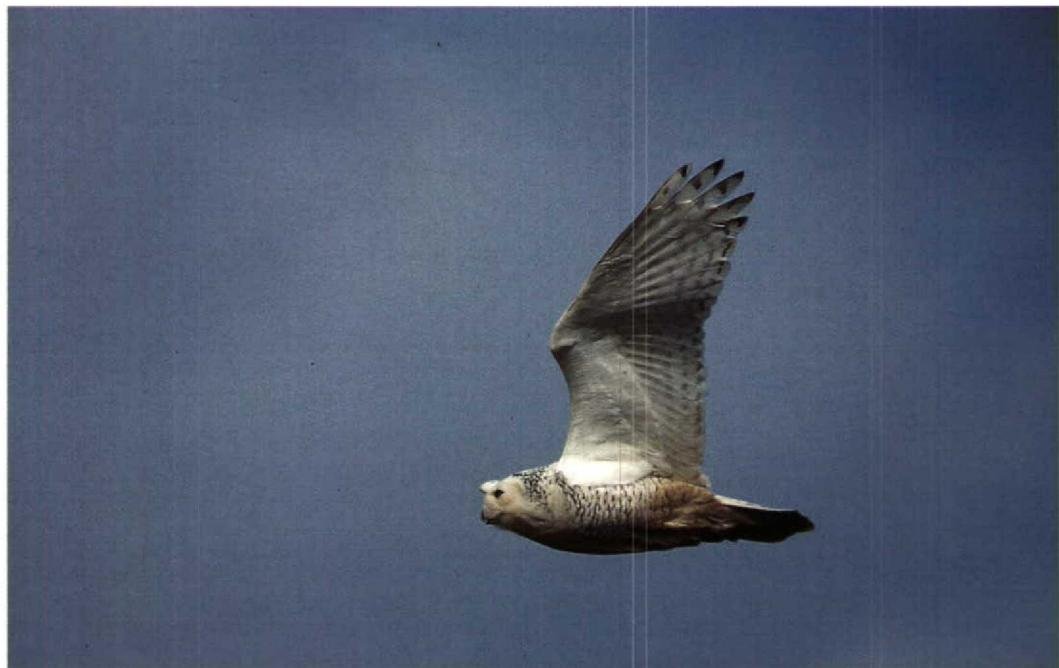


FIGURE 1 Mediterranean Shearwater / Vale Pijlstormvogel *Puffinus yelkouan mauretanicus*, Hondsbossche Zeewering, Camperduin, Noordholland, 25 July 1992 (Dirk J Moerbeek)

93 Ross's Gull / Ross' Meeuw *Rhodostethia rosea*, IJmuiden, Noordholland, 23 November 1992 (Hans Gebuis)

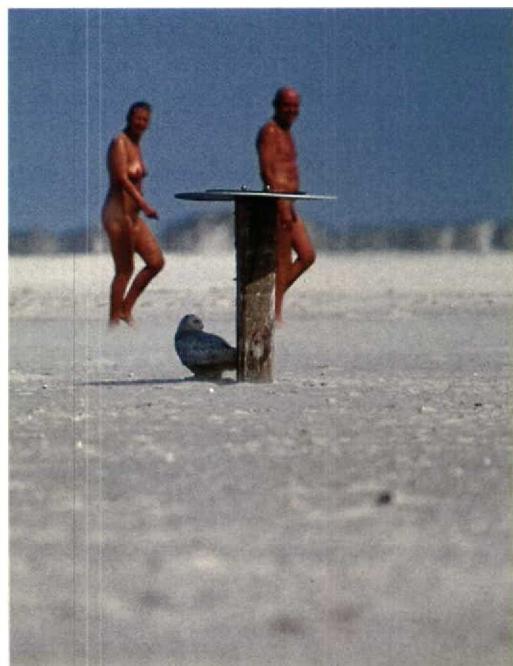




94 Snowy Owl / Sneeuwuil *Nyctea scandiaca*, Maasvlakte, Zuidholland, February 1992 (René Pop)

95 Ross's Gull / Ross' Meeuw *Rhodostethia rosea*, IJmuiden, Noordholland, November 1992 (Carl Derkx)

96 Snowy Owl / Sneeuwuil *Nyctea scandiaca*, Schiermonnikoog, Friesland, 28 June 1992 (Theo Bakker)



ZEELAND Philipsdam, 7 June, adult male (R Keizer, J Scharringa et al).

These records have been accepted by the CDNA because it is of the opinion that a truly wild origin of at least some of the birds can not be excluded. The CDNA still awaits information on a bird at Hillegom, Zuidholland, from 16 March to 18 April (van Dongen et al 1992).

Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors* 9,2

GRONINGEN Eemshaven, 29 May to 15 June, adult male, photographed (J Schelvis, S de Bruin, P Rousset et al).

ZEELAND Middelplaten, Veerse Meer, adult male, 31 December (V Stork, T Koppejan, S Lubbers).

Six of the 11 records since 1980 are between 21 April and 12 May.

White-headed Duck *Oxyura leucocephala* 6,0

1991 ZEELAND Philipsdam, 7 November to 6 January 1992, immature or female, photographed (M van Dijl, T O V Muusse et al).

ZUIDHOLLAND Stellendam, 14-29 December, photographed (M van Dijl et al).

The Philipsdam record was previously reported for 10-24 November (van den Berg et al 1993). The previously rejected Stellendam record has been accepted after receiving additional descriptions and a photograph. Possibly, both 1991 records refer to the same bird.

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* 2,1

GELDERLAND Erlecom, 29 May, immature (A Vink, B Gaxiola, W M Wiegant).

This is the first record since 1981. There are now 10 records, with six in October-January, three in April-May and one in July. Several *Aquila* eagles were submitted to the CDNA but this was the only one that could be accepted.

* **Booted Eagle** *Hieraaetus pennatus* 0,1

UTRECHT Leersum, 30 May, dark morph, photographed (A Dees; Dees et al 1994).

This is the first record. The bird was seen flying overhead by a single observer.

Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla* 10,2

OVERIJssel Weerribben, 13 June, two, sound-recorded (D Woets).

The CDNA still awaits a description or sound-recording from a bird at Wageningen, Gelderland, on 16-17 May (cf van Dongen et al 1992) which was seen by many birders.

Stone-curlew *Burhinus oedicnemus* 13,1

NOORDHOLLAND Callantsoog, 4 June to 4 October, sound-recorded (K J Eigenhuis, R E Brouwer).

1990 NOORDHOLLAND Wijk aan Zee, 21 May (C Reijnders, R Reijnders).

The Callantsoog bird was not mated. Since the last confirmed breeding record in 1957, no breeding at-

tempt has been recorded. The 1990 bird might have been the same individual as the one observed a week earlier at nearby Castricum, Noordholland (van den Berg et al 1992).

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva* 2,1

FRIESLAND Niekerk, 25 September, trapped and photographed (A Veenstra).

This bird was trapped coincidentally, together with a group of Northern Lapwings *Vanellus vanellus*. It was identified as an American/Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica/fulva* but measurements and photograph showed that it was a Pacific.

American/Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica/fulva* 2,0

1991 FRIESLAND Schiermonnikoog, 8 August, adult (M Olthoff).

ZEELAND Middelburg 13-15 September, adult, photographed (J M Walhout, E J van IJzendoorn et al).

On first decision, the Middelburg bird was accepted as a Pacific Golden Plover *P fulva* but the CDNA now considers its specific identity as uncertain (cf Eigenhuis et al 1994).

Sociable Plover *Chettusia gregaria* 8,5

OVERIJSEL IJsselmuiden, 28 June to 1 July, adult, summer plumage (M Berlijn, R A de By, J W de Roever et al).

GELDERLAND Velddriel, 2 July, adult, summer plumage (F van Binsbergen); Ubbergen, 23-24 August, juvenile, photographed (J Jacobs, M Hornman, G Driessens); Buren, 25-27 September, adult, winter plumage (P van Scheepen); Nijkerk, 22 November, adult, winter plumage (A ten Hoeve).

A record year for this species. It can not be ruled out, however, that only three or four birds were involved. The previous best year was 1981 with three records.

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos* 40,6

FRIESLAND Oudega, Smallingerland, 16-18 May, photographed (K H Scholten, L J R Boon, G Tuinstra et al).

ZUIDHOLLAND Foppenpolder, Maassluis, 23-27 July, photographed (P van Rij; van Dongen et al 1992); Vlaardingen, 24-27 July, adult, summer plumage, photographed (M van Dijl).

NOORDHOLLAND Julianadorp and Sint Maartensvlotbrug, 13-23 September, up to three, photographed (P Knolle, K J Eigenhuis, N F van der Ham et al; van Dongen et al 1992).

1990 FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersplassen, 22 September (P Edelaar).

The records of three birds at two sites in Noordholland are considered to concern the same three individuals. An average year for this species, considering that the number of records tends to increase each year (van den Berg et al 1993). The CDNA still awaits information on two birds at Julianadorp from late August to 4 September (cf van Dongen et al 1992).

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus* 47,0

1991 GRONINGEN Rottumerplaat, 1 September (N de Vries, T S Haanstra).

This was the first year since 1981 that this species has not been recorded. The number of records has dropped quite sharply after the favourite spring haunt in recent years in the Lauwersmeer, Groningen, gradually became overgrown.

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus* 7,1

GRONINGEN Lauwersmeer, 21-23 August, adult, winter plumage (K Scholten, S Luijnenburg, H van Schuppen).

The bird confused its observers by showing a complete winter plumage whereas in other years, August records referred to individuals having at least remnants of the summer plumage.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis* 82,22

UTRECHT Rhenen, 24-26 April, adult, summer plumage (M Berlijn, R M van Dongen).

GELDERLAND Wilp, 26 April, adult, summer plumage, (R Keizer, D C Uit de Weerd et al).

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersplassen, 6 May, adult, summer plumage (R Keizer, H Dulfer); Oostvaardersplassen, 18-19 May, adult, summer plumage (G O Keijl et al); Oostvaardersplassen, 22 June to 30 July, three adults (J J F M Jansen, K J Eigenhuis et al); Lepelaarsplassen, 1-5 August, adult, summer plumage (M Berlijn, R Keizer).

GRONINGEN Groningen, 7 May, adult, summer plumage (S de Bruin); Lauwersmeer, 19 July to 19 September, three (J J F J Jansen, T Bakker, P Rousset).

FRIESLAND Workumerwaard, 8-21 June (O W Zijlstra, J de Jong, R E Brouwer); Oudega, Smallingerland, 12 June, two adults (M J Swart, J M Swart, G Molenaar); Schiermonnikoog, 27-28 August, adult (T Bakker).

ZEELAND Selenapolder, 9 August (A P Wieland); Philipsdam, 21-25 August, one adult and two juveniles (M van Dijk, S Tas).

NOORDHOLLAND Anna Paulowna, 18-21 August, two juveniles (K J Eigenhuis, F Kalsbeek et al).

1991 GELDERLAND Nijkerk, 29 April (A ten Hoeve, R van der Vliet, T de Wijze).

FRIESLAND Oudega, Smallingerland, 16-19 June (T de Groot).

GRONINGEN Lauwersmeer, 27-28 July (A Poelmans).

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersplassen, 19 July, adult (J J F J Jansen); 8 August, adult (M Berlijn et al).

1986 FRIESLAND Workumerwaard, 17 August (H-J Udding).

From 1 January 1993, this species is no longer considered by the CDNA. The species' last year of which records were considered turned out to be a record year, with two remarkable groups of three birds.

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus* 8,2

ZEELAND Wissekerke, 10 May, adult, summer plumage, photographed (R Spenselee, G A Davidse, P L Meiningher et al).

NOORDHOLLAND De Cocksdorp, Texel, 21 May, adult (A Wassink).

Like in nine of all 11 records, these two birds stayed for one day only.

Long-tailed Skua *Stercorarius longicaudus* 86,7

ZEELAND Vlissingen and Domburg, 21 August, juvenile (P A Wolf, J M Walhout); Westkapelle, 4 September, adult and juvenile (R Spenselee, M van Steenis).

ZUIDHOLLAND Scheveningen, 3 September, adult (T O V Muusse); Scheveningen, 4 September, juvenile (T O V Muusse).

FRIESLAND Waddenzee near Schiermonnikoog, 15 September, juvenile (A de Bruin); Schiermonnikoog, 16 September, juvenile (K van Dijken).

1991 GRONINGEN Lauwersoog, 7 September, juvenile (A van Dijk).

1990 ZUIDHOLLAND Katwijk aan Zee, 23 September, juvenile, found dead (skin lost), photographed (C Schoonenberg, P Imthorn, G van der Bent).

From 1 January 1993, this species is no longer considered by the CDNA.

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis* 1,2

NOORDBRABANT Zundert, 18-19 April, adult, summer plumage, photographed (D J Moerbeek, W Hoogendoorn et al; van Dongen et al 1992, Moerbeek & Hoogendoorn 1993).

This is the second record for both Belgium and the Netherlands. The bird was found during a count of Mediterranean Gulls *L. melanocephalus*. This record coincided with a record influx of this species in France (Moerbeek & Hoogendoorn 1993).

Iceland Gull *Larus glaucopterus* 33,4

ZUIDHOLLAND Scheveningen, 18-21 January, first-winter or second-winter, photographed (J Regeer, G van der Bent, M Berlijn et al; van Dongen et al 1992, Lichtenbeld 1992); Katwijk aan Zee, 5 March, second-winter, photographed (K J Eigenhuis, R van Rossum; van Dongen et al 1992).

NOORDHOLLAND IJmuiden, 5-7 February, first-winter or second-winter (K J Eigenhuis, R Keizer et al); Bloemendaal aan Zee, 9 February, second-winter (E J van Huijssteeden, F Dorel).

A good year for this species. Other good years since 1980 were 1981 (4), 1983 (10), 1984 (4), 1988 (3), 1989 (3) and 1991 (3).

Ross's Gull *Rhodostethia rosea* 2,1

NOORDHOLLAND IJmuiden, 21-27 November, photographed and video-taped (D J Moerbeek et al; Anonymus 1992, Anonymus 1993a, Berlijn 1992, Moerbeek 1993).

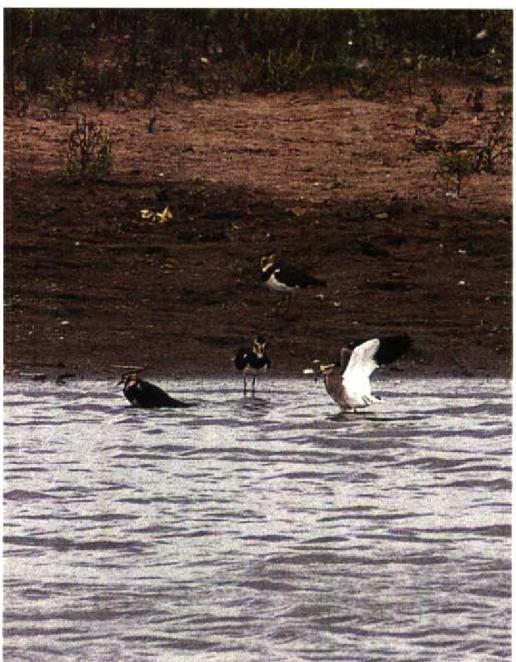
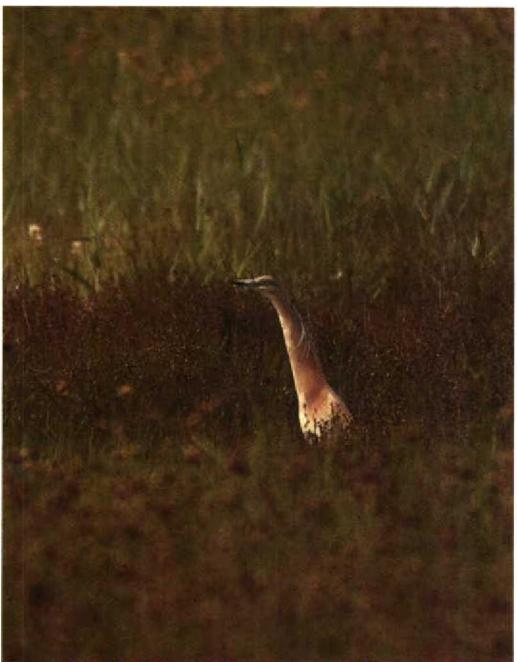
This was by far the best-watched bird of the year. It was the first 'twitchable' since the adult on Vlieland, Friesland, in 1958. During the weekend, it attracted at least 400 observers, including birders from Belgium, England, France and Germany.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*

ZEELAND Breskens, 14 May (P A Wolf, J M Walhout, K J Eigenhuis et al); Breskens, 18 May (R Spenselee, R



97 Eagle Owl / Oehoe *Bubo bubo*, Ermelo, Gelderland, May 1992 (Aart Smit) **98** Eyebrowed Thrush / Vale Lijster *Turdus obscurus*, Callantsoog, Noordholland, 18 October 1992 (Danny Ellinger) **99** Squacco Heron / Ralreiger *Ardeola ralloides*, Rammegors, Zeeland, June 1992 (Hans Gebuis) **100** Sociable Plover / Steppekievit *Chettusia gregaria*, Ubbergen, Gelderland, August 1992 (Hans Gebuis)





101 Pied Wheatear / Bonte Tapuit *Oenanthe pleschanka*, first-winter female, Katwijk, Zuidholland, November 1992
(Hans Gebuis)

102 Pied Wheatear / Bonte Tapuit *Oenanthe pleschanka*, first-winter male, Petten, Noordholland, October 1992
(René van Rossum)



Jansen); Breskens, 28 May (K J Eigenhuis et al).
GRONINGEN Rottumerplaat, 15 May to 2 June (G Kasemir, D Lutterop); Eemshaven, 31 May to 6 June, photographed (G J van den Berg, M van Dijl, S Tas et al); Lauwersmeer, 1 July, adult, summer plumage (A van Kleunen, J van Vianen et al).

NOORDBRABANT Dinteloord, 7 June, first-summer (E M Ouwendijk).

ZUIDHOLLAND Wassenaar, 14 June (A Remeeus); Lisse, 1-2 August (T J C Luijendijk).

NOORDHOLLAND Petten, 5 July (N F van der Ham); Petten, 1 August (N F van der Ham); Burgervlotbrug, 6 August, two adults (R Keizer, N F van der Ham, B Schep).

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersplassen, 26-27 July, two adults, photographed (P I Waanders, A Schaftenaar, R de Beer; Lichtenbeld 1992).

1991 NOORDHOLLAND IJmuiden, 1-29 July (K J Eigenhuis et al).

From 1 January 1993, this species is no longer considered by the CDNA. Inundation of bulb-fields in Noordholland during summer to kill parasites, has increased the chances to find this species away from its late-summer roost at Balgzand, Noordholland. Like in 1991, many sightings were not reported to the CDNA (cf van den Berg et al 1993, van Dongen et al 1993).

Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii* 12,1

NOORDHOLLAND Egmond aan Zee, 19 May, adult, summer plumage (W van Splunder, N F van der Ham, S Lagerveld).

Since 1982, this species has been recorded every year, with the exception of 1986 and 1988.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus* 46,15

FRIESLAND Oudega, Smallingerland, 18 May, three (K H Scholten, G Tuinstra).

NOORDHOLLAND Texel, 18 May (A Wassink).

GRONINGEN Lauwersmeer, 28 May, three (R O Winters, R Mulder, J Bisschop et al).

NOORDBRABANT Budel-Dorplein, 28 May to 2 June, three (T O V Muusse, W Poelmans).

GELDERLAND Millingen aan den Rijn, 30 May, adult, summer plumage (J F Bekhuis).

OVERIJSSSEL Vriezenveen, 31 May (T Kruissink, R Brunink, J Wessels et al).

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersdijk, 9 July (R O Winters); Oostvaardersdijk, 14-16 July, adult, summer plumage (M Berlijn, J Boshuizen, A H V Eggenhuizen et al); Oostvaardersdijk, 27-28 August, photographed (K A Mauer).

1991 NOORDHOLLAND Egmond aan Zee, 4 July (S Lagerveld, N F van der Ham).

This was the best year since 1980. Other good years were 1981 (nine, in May) and 1991 (eight).

Brünnich's Guillemot *Uria lomvia* 1,1

NOORDHOLLAND Texel, 18 April, found dead, specimen in Zoölogisch Museum at Amsterdam, Noordholland (C S Roselaar).

This is the seventh record of this arctic species.

Other accepted records were in 1919, 1924, 1967, 1974, 1979 and 1981, all during December-March. The only one ever seen alive concerned a moribund individual at Brouwersdam, Zuidholland, in February 1979 (van den Berg & Bos 1979).

Black Guillemot *Cephus grylle* 17,4

NOORDHOLLAND Camperduin, 14 January (N Dijkstra, N F van der Ham, J Bijleveld et al); Camperduin, 10 and 18-25 October (N F van der Ham, N Dijkstra, J Bijleveld et al).

ZUIDHOLLAND Brouwersdam, 26-27 January, immature (T O V Muusse).

FRIESLAND West-Terschelling, 18 October to 8 November, immature, photographed (E Nieuwstraten, M Zekhuis, H van der Jeugd; van Dongen et al 1992).

A fairly good year for this species which had multiple records since 1980 in 1981, 1985, 1986 and 1990 but none in 1983 and 1988.

Eagle Owl *Bubo bubo* 3,1

GELDERLAND Ermelo, 5-12 May, photographed (A Smit; Lichtenbeld 1992).

An individual seen by many birders at Enschede, Overijssel, on 2-8 June 1992 was subsequently found dead in July and appeared to be ringed. It turned that it had escaped from a private aviary in nearby Gronau, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany.

Snowy Owl *Nyctea scandiaca* 2,3

ZUIDHOLLAND Maasvlakte, 8 March to 1 April, adult female, photographed (E van der Burg, K de Vries, A B van den Berg et al; Anonymus 1992a, Anonymus 1992b, van Dongen et al 1992, Ebels 1992).

NOORDHOLLAND Heiloo, 5 April (E J van IJzendoorn, P W Bison) and Assendelft, 15 May (R F J van Beusekom, E J van IJzendoorn), presumably adult female.

FRIESLAND Schiermonnikoog, 28 June, photographed (T Bakker; van Dongen et al 1992, Anonymus 1993a).

Examination of photographs revealed that three different individuals were involved. Initially, there was doubt about the wild origin of the birds because it did not seem a typical invasion winter. Besides, there were rumours of several birds having been released from captivity in December 1991 in Friesland (Ebels 1992). However, it soon became clear that there was an influx of c 20 individuals in western Europe from late February to mid-July (van den Berg 1993).

Alpine Swift *Apus melba* 10,2

ZEELAND Vlissingen, 3 May (E Sanders).

FRIESLAND Bakkeveen, 28 May (K H Scholten, S Luijnenburg).

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster* 103,6

ZEELAND Breskens, 30 April (S Lilipaly, T O V Muusse et al); Breskens, 20 May (P Ruiters, G A Davids, R Sponelee); Breskens, 24 May (A van Gilst, R Sponelee).

FRIESLAND Schiermonnikoog, 19 May, two (T Bakker).

UTRECHT Lopikerkapel, 23 June (J van Bezooijen, A Brele, W van Zijl).

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1990 NOORDBRABANT Bergeijk, 1 July (P M A van de Wielen).

1986 NOORDBRABANT Hooge en Lage Mierde, 30 April (P M A van de Wielen).

From 1 January 1993, this species is no longer considered by the CDNA.

European Roller *Coracias garrulus* 8,1

DRENTH Doldersumerveld, 7 June (J M Swart, R Bijlsma, A B Swart-Middelhoek et al).

The only records in recent years were in 1980, 1981, 1982 (three records including one with two individuals) and 1988 (two records).

Middle Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos medius* 2,1

LIMBURG Roermond, 10 May (R Bekebrede, W Achthoven).

Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla* 6,3

GRONINGEN Lauwersoog, 2 May, photographed (J Bisschop, S Bernardus); Eemshaven, 27 September to 3 October, photographed (H P van der Jeugd, L B Steijn et al; van Dongen et al 1992).

ZEELAND Breskens, 14 May (M A Capello, J M Walhout et al).

The best year ever for this species. There are only two previous field records. Except for one November record, all 12 records date from April-May and September-October.

Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica* 16,3

UTRECHT Botshol, 30 April to 1 May (D Groenendijk, M Berlijn et al).

GRONINGEN Rottumeroog, 18 May (K van Dijken, W Steenge).

ZEELAND Breskens, 28 May (D J Moerbeek, M A Capello, G A Davidse et al).

Thrush Nightingale *Luscinia luscinia* 15,2

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersplassen, 30 May, male, singing (A Vink, H Gebuis, P C Groebe et al).

ZUIDHOLLAND Wassenaar, 1-5 June, male, singing, sound-recorded (K J Eigenhuis et al).

All field records since 1980 concern singing individuals observed from late May to early June, with the exception of one in September, while all records of trapped birds date from August-September, with the exception of one in June.

Red-spotted Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica svecica* 18,3

NOORDHOLLAND Den Burg, Texel, 15-16 May, male (H Heessen, M Heessen-Goënga).

GRONINGEN Rottumeroog, 20 May, male (K van Dijken, W Steenge).

ZUIDHOLLAND Goudriaan, 20 May, male (A Ouwerkerk, M P Theeuw et al).

1989 ZUIDHOLLAND Noordeloos, 20 May, male (A Ouwerkerk, R E van der Vliet).

Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka* 1,2

NOORDHOLLAND Petten, 23-26 October, first-winter

male, photographed (R E Brouwer, H J Endt; Anonymus 1992, Anonymus 1993b, van den Berg 1992b, van Dongen et al 1992).

ZUIDHOLLAND Katwijk aan Zee, 31 October to 4 November, first-winter female, photographed (A van Egmond, R van Rossum, C Zuyderduyn et al; Anonymus 1992, Anonymus 1993b, van Dongen et al 1992, 1993).

These constitute the second and third records. The Katwijk bird was discovered from a restaurant where the birders were enjoying a cup of coffee after a field trip.

Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus* 2,1

NOORDHOLLAND Callantsoog, 18 October, photographed (D Ellinger, O Moedt).

The bird was seen for such a short time that it could only be identified with certainty from the single photograph taken. Previous records were in 1843, 1977 (two), 1988 and 1989.

River Warbler *Locustella fluviatilis* 11,2

UTRECHT Utrecht, 25-29 May, singing, photographed (H R Russer et al); Overlangbroek, 28-30 May, singing (A Vink, H Vink-Slotboom, M Berlijn et al).

Aquatic Warbler *Acrocephalus paludicola* 102,2

ZUIDHOLLAND Maasvlakte, 1-3 August (T O V Muusse).

GRONINGEN Lauwersmeer, 22 August, singing (E Klunder, L Scholtens).

1991 GRONINGEN Lauwersmeer, 7 September, juvenile (A van Dijk).

1990 GRONINGEN Lauwersmeer, 2-11 August (G W M van Aalst, L J R Boon et al).

FLEVOLAND Oostvaardersplassen, 28 August (K A Mauer).

From 1 January 1993, this species is no longer considered by the CDNA. The Westplaat at the Maasvlakte, Zuidholland, and the Lauwersmeer, Groningen, are the best places to spot Aquatic Warblers, from early August to the third week of September.

Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans* 12,2

FRIESLAND Terschelling, 14-17 May, male, singing, photographed (F Majoor, B Rebergen).

GRONINGEN Rottumerplaat, 15 May, male, singing (G Kasemir, D Lutterop).

Nine of the 14 records since 1980 occurred between 4 and 15 May. There were no records in 1989-91.

Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria* 82,4

NOORDHOLLAND De Cocksdorp, Texel, 28-30 August, immature, photographed (A Wassink, T O V Muusse; van Dongen et al 1992).

FRIESLAND West-Terschelling, Terschelling, 19-21 October, immature (J J Bakhuizen, K Kraayeveld et al).

NOORDHOLLAND Castricum, 20 August, immature, trapped (W Beentjes, A Wijker); Castricum, 6 September, immature, trapped (A Wijker, H-J Udding).

From 1 January 1993, this species is no longer consi-



103 Western Bonelli's Warbler / Westelijke Bergfluiters *Phylloscopus bonelli bonelli*, Texel, Noordholland,
8 October 1992 (Arnoud B van den Berg)

104 Rustic Bunting / Bosgors *Emberiza rustica*, Petten, Noordholland, 26 October 1992 (Arnoud B van den Berg)





105 Short-toed Lark / Kortteenleeuwerik *Calandrella brachydactyla*, Eemshaven, Groningen, 29 September 1992 (Arnoud B van den Berg)



106 Indigo Bunting / Indigogors *Passerina cyanea*, Amsterdam, Noordholland, March 1989 (Hans Gebuis)

dered by the CDNA. The CDNA still awaits information on several trapped birds in this and previous years (cf van Dongen et al 1992, van den Berg et al 1993).

Siberian Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca blythii/halimodendri* 1,1
NOORDHOLLAND Castricum, 5 November, trapped (A Wijker, H-J Udding).

The previous record of this eastern subspecies also concerned a bird trapped at Castricum in November.

Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides* 5,1
GRONINGEN Rottumeroog, 2 June, photographed (K van Dijken, W Steenge; van Dongen et al 1992).

Pallas's Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus* 40,2
NOORDHOLLAND De Cocksdorp, Texel, 18-21 October (K van Dijken, E B Ebels).
FRIESLAND Terschelling, 21 October (E Nieuwstraten, M Zekhuis, A van Dijk).

Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli* 10,1
NOORDHOLLAND De Cocksdorp, Texel, 5-11 October, trapped, photographed, sound-recorded (A Wassink, A B van den Berg; van Dongen et al 1992).

This bird was staying in a birder's garden. The call identified it as the western subspecies *P b bonelli*.

Siberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita tristis*
1989 NOORDHOLLAND Texel, 14-22 October, singing, sound-recorded, photographed (H Gebuis et al; van der Burg et al 1990).

From 1 January 1990, this subspecies has not been considered by the CDNA (Dutch Birding 14: 73, 1992). Most likely, however, the CDNA will reinstate this

subspecies on its list by 1 January 1994 (cf Br Birds 87: 358-359, 1994). An announcement on this matter will be published shortly.

Iberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus (collybita) brehmii* 6,1
FRIESLAND Oudemirdum, Gaasterland, 29 May to 14 June, singing, sound-recorded (O W Zijlstra).

All records refer to singing individuals during April-June.

Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris* 37,4
GELDERLAND Rozendaal, 15-27 January (J J F J Jansen et al).
FRIESLAND Vlieland, 9 October, presumed first-winter (J M Walhout, G A Davidse, R Sponee); Vlieland, 10 October, presumed adult (P A Wolf, J M Walhout G A Davidse); Terschelling, 15 December (A van Kleunen, G J van den Berg, D Groenendijk).
1991 FRIESLAND Beetsterzwaag, 28 January (K H Scholten); Schiermonnikoog, 9 October (T Bakker).
1990 GRONINGEN Groningen, 29 March (M Olthoff); Groningen, 29 March (L J R Boon, A Bosma).
OVERIJSEL Broekmeden, 6 December (R Jansen).

The records in Groningen on 29 March 1990 refer to two different birds.

Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator* 27,1
ZUIDHOLLAND Maasvlakte, 10-11 June, second-year male, photographed (M van Dijk, R de Beer, P C Meijer).

In 1980-92, there were, on average, two records each year.

Rosy Starling *Sturnus roseus* 15,1
ZEELAND Middelburg, 10-20 October, juvenile (J Goedbloed, J M Walhout).

Two-barred Crossbill *Loxia leucoptera* 18,0

1990 OVERIJssel Boerskotten, 8 August, two, adult females (R Jansen).

These two birds were the first of the 1990-91 invasion, bringing the total to 15 (cf Ebels 1993).

Parrot Crossbill *Loxia pytyopsittacus* 574,3

FRIESLAND Schiermonnikoog, 23-24 May, two, male and female (J F Bekhuis et al).

GELDERLAND Uddel, 3-4 June (J J F Jansen).

1990 ZUIDHOLLAND Haagse Waterleidingduinen, 17 June, adult male; Katwijk, 20 October, photographed (A Ouwerkerk, A den Hollander).

The June 1990 record precedes the huge influx of that year by at least three to four months. It seems unlikely that the 1992 records refer to fresh arrivals. Late spring records are extremely rare. From 1 January 1993, this species is no longer considered by the CDNA.

Scarlet Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus* 111,+

1991 FLEVOLAND Blocq van Kuffeler, 22 June to 2 July, adult male (K J Eigenhuis, J van 't Hof).

NOORDHOLLAND Castricum, 23 June (H-J Udding, H Kivit, A Wijker).

From 1 January 1992, this species is no longer considered by the CDNA. The total for 1991 now is 30.

Cirl Bunting *Emberiza cirlus* 0,1

ZEELAND Breskens, 16 May, second-year male, photographed (P van Tuil, E Sanders et al; Eigenhuis 1992, Nieuwstraten et al 1994).

This is the third record. The bird made a short stop during passage and the acceptance was largely based on the only photograph taken. The other two records were in December 1883 and April 1901.

Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica* 20,2

FRIESLAND Vlieland, 4-8 October, photographed (E B Ebels, G J ter Haar, M Berlijn; van Dongen et al 1992).

NOORDHOLLAND Petten, 26 October, photographed (J M Walhout, A B van den Berg, R van Rossum; van Dongen et al 1992).

Of the 23 records during 1980-92, 19 date from 25 September to 15 October, two from May, one from the beginning of September, and one from the end of October. The CDNA still awaits information on seven additional birds reported in October (cf van Dongen et al 1992).

Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla* 35,1

GRONINGEN Groningen, 2 May (A de Bruin).

1991 FRIESLAND Oosterend, Terschelling, 9-11 October (T O V Muisse, A van Kleunen, M Muisse).

The CDNA still awaits information on six birds reported between 25 September and 8 November (cf van Dongen et al 1992).

Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea* 2,0

1989 NOORDHOLLAND Amsterdam, 10-23 March, male, photographed (S de Bruin).

This is the second record. The first was a singing adult male in Noordholland in June-July 1983 (Meijer 1984).

Systematic list of records not accepted

This list contains all records not accepted by the CDNA. Records marked with @ were rejected by all committee members in the first or second voting, those with @-1 by all except one, and the remaining by two or more (with at least two votes against rejection). Most records were rejected if the identification was not fully established (often because of lack of documentation) or when the bird showed signs of captivity, such as dubious rings, excessive wear or aberrant behaviour. Species for which the CDNA unanimously decided that all records refer to birds of captive origin are indicated with *. These include records of birds of which all ancestors are assumed to be of captive origin (introduced species of British category C).

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Noorden (Zuidholland) 31 May @-1 (poor description).

Sacred Ibis* *Threskiornis aethiopicus* Hilversum (Noordholland) 9 September @ (considered of captive origin; wild origin of this species is considered highly unlikely; further records of this species will not be considered by the CDNA).

Lesser Canada Goose *Branta canadensis* ssp Bantpolder (Friesland) 8 March (description not sufficient).

Wood Duck* *Aix sponsa* De Ronde Venen (Zuidholland) 30 December to 4 January 1993 (adult male; identification accepted but considered escaped; wild origin of this species is considered highly unlikely).

Steller's Eider *Polyictica stellaris* Schiermonnikoog (Friesland) 19 October @ (male in eclipse; photographic evidence insufficient to justify identification).

Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis* Vlieland (Friesland) 23 May (adult; description insufficient and partly wrong); Culemborg (Zuidholland) 30 June (immature; description incomplete).

Lesser Spotted Eagle *Aquila pomarina* Groningen (Groningen) 20 May (adult; description considered marginally insufficient for identification); Praamweg (Flevoland) 15 August (description does not exclude smaller raptors).

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* Katwijk (Zuidholland) 26 June (immature; description not convincing); Dwingelo (Drenthe) 16 September (other species not excluded).

Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus* De Hamert (Limburg) 10-19 April (withdrawn by observer).

Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonorae* Kats (Zeeland) 14 May @ (adult; description of this passing bird lacks plumage details necessary for a first record).

Demoiselle Crane *Anthropoides virgo* Heusden (Noordbrabant) 6 June @ (identification accepted but known to be of captive origin).

Little Bustard *Tetrax tetrax* Oldelamer (Friesland) 13 January (description incomplete).

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris* Vlissingen (Zeeland) 30 April @ (photograph shows a Red Knot *C. canutus*).

Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta* IJmuiden

den (Noordholland) 27 September @ (photographs show a Little Stint *C minuta* with pale legs; cf Limicola 7: 112, 1993). **Long-tailed Skua** *Stercorarius longicaudus* IJmuiden (Noordholland) 30 October (adult; description incomplete). **Great Black-headed Gull** *Larus ichthyaetus* Hoek van Holland (Zuidholland) 18 February @ (third-year; poor description: size not given, wing inadequately described). **Bonaparte's Gull** *Larus philadelphicus* Tholen (Zeeland) 20 May @ (description incomplete). **Ring-billed Gull** *Larus delawarensis* Kreekraksluizen (Zeeland) 4 January (first-winter; Herring Gull *L argentatus* not excluded). **Iceland Gull** *Larus glaucoides* Broekhuizenvorst (Limburg) 27 February to 4 March @ (considered a leucistic Herring *L argentatus* or Yellow-legged Gull *L cachinnans*). **Roseate Tern** *Sterna dougallii* between Breskens and Vlissingen (Zeeland) 23 May (adult, summer plumage; description incomplete); Kerkwerve, Schouwen (Zeeland) 15 August (adult; description incomplete). **European Bee-eater** *Merops apiaster* Engbertdijksvenen (Overijssel) 19 August (hardly any description). **Crag Martin** *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* Breskens (Zeeland) 14 May (incomplete description of a rapidly passing bird observed by many birders; white tail-spots were not seen). **Red-rumped Swallow** *Hirundo daurica* Breskens (Zeeland) 19 May (description incomplete). **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica savignii* Breskens (Zeeland) May @ (virtually impossible to separate in the field from rusty-coloured nominate Barn Swallow *H r rustica*). **Short-toed Lark** *Calandrella brachydactyla* Texel (Noordholland) 14 May @ (incomplete description of a passing bird). **Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava pygmaea* Kornwerderzand (Friesland) 29 May @ (three, male and two females; description incomplete). **Bluethroat** *Luscinia svecica magna* Krimpen aan de Lek (Zuidholland) 6 June @ (the CDNA concluded that this subspecies can not be identified in the field). **Rock Thrush** *Monticola saxatilis* Baarle-Nassau (Noordbrabant) 13 May (description incomplete). **Melodious Warbler** *Hippolais polyglotta*, Maasvlakte (Zuidholland) 14 May @ (description perfectly fitting Icterine Warbler *H icterina*). **Semi-collared Flycatcher** *Ficedula semitorquata* Westvoorne (Zuidholland) 15 May @ (female; description, although quite convincing, not containing enough details for a first record). **Eurasian Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris* Oostvaardersdijk (Flevoland) 7 January (description incomplete); Schaarsbergen (Gelderland) 4 March (trapped; no measurements nor photographs taken; description of sound not conclusive); Limburg, 16 April to 31 May, locality withheld, breeding (photographs not conclusive for identification, no description of song). **Lesser Grey Shrike** *Lanius minor* Appelscha (Friesland) 29 January (description incomplete).

1991

Lesser Flamingo *Phoenicopterus minor* Zierikzee (Zeeland) 13 April @-1 (identification accepted; considered of captive origin; wild origin of this species is considered highly unlikely). **Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* Middelburg (Zeeland) 5 August. **Ross's Goose** *Anser rossii* Schouwen (Zeeland) 22 February; Stellendam

(Zuidholland) 2 March (Snow Goose *A caerulescens* not excluded). **Golden Eagle** *Aquila chrysaetos* Rotterdam (Zuidholland) 30 November (description quite detailed but lack of consecutive observations leaving the CDNA unconvinced). **Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica* Schagerbrug (Noordholland) 19 August (no description submitted). **Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni* Holwerd (Friesland) November @ (considered Rock Pipit *A petrosus*). **Azure Tit** *Parus cyanus* Texel (Noordholland) 14 October @ (description does not fit this species, it probably concerned a leucistic Blue Tit *Parus caeruleus* or, possibly, 'Pleske's Tit' *P cyanus x caeruleus*). **Pallas's Rosefinch** *Carpodacus roseus* Lauwersoog (Groningen) 30 April to 1 May @ (photographed, identification accepted but bird not considered to be of genuinely wild origin since there is much trade in this species). **Black-faced Bunting** *Emberiza spodocephala* Pingjum (Friesland) 12-14 December @ (photographed; considered unknown cage-bird, possibly a hybrid Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris* x Linnet *C cannabina*). **Red-headed Bunting** *Emberiza bruniceps* Vlieland (Friesland) 19 May (photographed; poor description, insufficient photograph). **Parrot Crossbill** *Loxia pytyopsittacus* Oirschot (Noordbrabant) 30 March @ (two adult males; no description).

1990

Wood Duck *Aix carolinensis* Katwijk (Zuidholland) August to 10 September @ (adult male; identification accepted; considered of captive origin; wild origin of this species is considered highly unlikely). **Little Crake** *Porzana parva* Eemshaven (Groningen) 2 September @ (no description). **Booted Eagle** *Hieraetus pennatus* Glimmen (Groningen) 1 May @ (virtually no description). **Parrot Crossbill** *Loxia pytyopsittacus* Terschelling (Friesland) 12 to 15 August @ (two juveniles; photographed, presumably relatively large-billed Crossbill *L curvirostra*).

1989

White-headed Duck *Oxyura leucocephala* Vlieland (Friesland) 8 July @ (adult male; description fitting Ruddy Duck *O jamaicensis*).

1988

Eagle Owl *Bubo bubo* Valkenburg aan de Geul (Limburg) December (incomplete description of a bird found dead by police officers).

1977

Western Reef Heron *Egretta gularis* Woerden (Zuidholland) 1-2 August @ (description incomplete).

1972

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria* Den Haag (Zuidholland) 2 September @ (photographed; the CDNA can not find any reason why this bird should not be a Green Sandpiper *T ochropus*).

1938

Bonaparte's Gull *Larus philadelphicus* Texel (Noordh-

land) October @ (old, second-hand description insufficient).

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